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Governors Summoned To Delhi To Meet Sir Stafford

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, March 20.

The object of Sir Sikandar's dash to New Delhi is, it appears, in connection with certain inner developments in the Muslim League camp. The invitations issued to Khan Bahadur Allahbux and Mr. Fazlul Huq on behalf of Sir Stafford Cripps have caused a stir in the Muslim League circles, some members raising the old cry that an attempt is being made to divide the Muslim community and so on. Some of them are reported to hold the view that if these two Muslim Premiers are being invited in their capacity as representatives of the Azad Muslim Conference, the Muslim League should, as a body, keep away from the Cripps negotiations and refuse to have anything to do with the talks.

SIKANDAR'S MISSION

It is understood what Sir Sikandar will use his best efforts to see that there is no room for misunderstanding. It would appear that Mr. Jinnah has not disclosed his mind yet, but has called an urgent meeting of the Working Committee of the League to decide League's attitude.

Information available here shows that Premiers of all the four provinces,—not only Khan Bahadur Allahabux and Mr. Fazlul Huq—are being invited on behalf of Sir Stafford Cripps. Certain governors, including the Madras Governor, are expected here next week to meet Sir Stafford.

INVITEES TO DELHI

It is learnt that invitations to meet Sir Stafford Cripps have hitherto gone to three main political organisations and seven individual leaders. The organisations are the Congress, the Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha, and the leaders are Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mr. Jayakar, Mr. Fazlul Huq, Khan Bahadur Allahbux, Dr. Ambedkar, Mr. M. C. Rajah and Mr. N. M. Joshi.

The Congress and the League have been given the option of selecting a maximum of six representatives, and the Hindu Mahasabha three. The provisional date mentioned for the three bodies is March 25 and for the individual leaders March 26.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the invitations are being issued in accordance with Sir Stafford Cripps' request and are intended to provide for him an initial programme, which he will amplify as he thinks fit.

While the invitees do not include Sikh leaders, they do not include leaders of the European community either or the "depressed classes" or non-League Muslims. Mr. Raja and Dr. Ambedkar as also other Indian leaders, appear to have been invited in their individual capacity and not as representing any organisation.

Jinnah's Reply to Invitation

Mr. M. A. Jinnah has received an invitation from the acting Private Secretary to the Viceroy to arrange for representatives of the Muslim League to see Sir Stafford Cripps at Delhi on a near date after March 25. Replying through his Private Secretary, Mr. Jinnah indicates that he will be glad to meet Sir Stafford on arrival in Delhi and adds that the question of procedure and other details may be arranged after he is apprised of the British Government's scheme.

LETTER TO JINNAH

The following is the text of the correspondence:—

Letter from Mr. L. G. Pinnell dated March 18:—

"DEAR MR. JINNAH:— In accordance with procedure desired by Sir Stafford Cripps for opening conversations, it would be appreciated if you could arrange for

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NO CUT-AND-DRIED PLAN

Cripps Given Free Hand?

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, March 20.

From to-day's "News Review" "close friends of Sir Stafford Cripps believe that he (Cripps) has been given a fairly free hand to conduct his negotiations and has not been hampered with any cut and dried Cabinet plan. They have hinted that the so-called plan was not a finished article, but was intended to take shape as Sir Stafford's negotiations proceeded, and his reports was studied by the War Cabinet."

MAHATMA NOT GOING TO DELHI

Azad Will Meet Cripps As Sole Spokesman Of Congress

(FROM A. P. AND U. P.)

NEW DELHI, March 20.

According to advices from Wardha, Mahatma Gandhi may not come to Delhi, and the programme of Congress leaders and Gandhiji would be chalked out after the Congress President has met Sir Stafford Cripps.

Governors Called

It is learned that a number of Provincial Governors are coming to Delhi this week presumably for consultations with the Viceroy in view of Sir Stafford Cripps' impending arrival. The Governors of Madras, Bombay, Bengal and the Punjab are expected.

Two Days With Viceroy

It seems that Sir Stafford Cripps will stay in the Viceroy's House for a couple of days after his arrival and then move into Sir Andrew Clow's house, where meetings with Indian leaders and representatives of parties and interests will take place.

Azad As Sole Congress Representative

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, stated in the course of an interview to the "United Press" that on behalf of the Congress he himself would meet Sir Stafford Cripps. He discounted suggestions that Gandhiji would be coming to Delhi on March 24. He said that he had no indication of such a visit at Wardha.

Regarding Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan's mission, the Maulana did not make any comments.

The Congress President leaves for Lahore to-night and will attend Miss Indira Nehru's wedding at Allahabad on March 26, returning to Delhi thereafter to meet Sir Stafford Cripps.

Jam Saheb Invited

It is understood that the Jam Saheb of Nawanagar, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, has received an invitation to keep in readiness to meet Sir Stafford Cripps on or about March 25.

It is further understood that the Jam Saheb will co-opt two Princes of smaller States and two Ministers in the Committee which will present the case of the Indian Princes to Sir Stafford Cripps.

Sir C. P. For Delhi

TRIVANDRUM:—In response to a telegram from the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Dewan of Travancore, is proceeding to Delhi so as to reach there on 25th March in connection with the conversations with Sir Stafford Cripps on behalf of Indian States.

Bombay Governor For Delhi

BOMBAY:—It is understood that H. E. the Governor of Bombay will be leaving for New Delhi on March 22.

Akali Leader Invited

AMRITSAR: — Master Tara Singh, the Akali Leader, has received an invitation from His Excellency the Viceroy through the Governor of the Punjab asking him if he could be in Delhi on or about the 26th instant to see Sir Stafford Cripps. Master Tara Singh has sent a reply expressing his willingness to meet Sir Stafford Cripps.

In an interview to-day, Master Tara Singh said: "The Sikhs will help in the solution of the Indian problem, if it is sought on national lines, with adequate safeguards for the minorities including the Sikhs. The question can only be solved, if Sir Stafford Cripps takes a strong attitude towards maintaining the integrity of India."—A. P.

BATTLE FOR BURMA OPENS

TWO-POINT JAP THRUST PLANNED: RANGOON NOT COMPLETELY OUT OF USE

BOMBAY, March 20.

To-day's Army Headquarters Communique from Burma issued this afternoon said: "Heavy fighting is still going on in the vicinity of Toungoo. Some seven hundred casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

The following Communique has been issued by the Army Headquarters in Burma:—

SITTANG FRONT: The Chinese Expeditionary Force is now in action south of Pye. Yesterday morning a Chinese Cavalry detachment, working with our troops, intercepted a mixed enemy force of 400 infantry and cavalry with three armoured cars. The armoured cars were destroyed and some hundred casualties were inflicted.

Our troops are in good form after their withdrawal and are now in new positions.

THARRAWADDY FRONT: Reports of previous concentrations in Teingaw area have proved to be false. This was only local unrest between traitors and local parties. There is still no Japanese strength north of Talkkyi, but their patrols did reach Letpadan.

Two-Point Thrust

It was stated authoritatively in London to-day that the Japanese are moving up, as was expected, along two valleys one towards Prome and the other on the Toungoo Road towards Mandalay. There is more activity in Burma and there has been a small-scale attack on the eastern road. The Japanese were allowed to approach close to the British forces who then "shot them up", inflicting casualties and beating off the attack. The Japanese may have occupied the Port of Bassein although nothing is known in London.

Future developments will be affected by what use the Japanese make of the sea. They have not yet repaired bridges over the Bilin and Sittang Rives, which suggests that they may come up by sea. The Japanese are patrolling rivers in paddle-boats and 'sampans'. They will probably use rivers a good deal because these are the main local means of communication.

The Chinese now under the command of the United States Gen. Stilwell are operating on the British left.

It was stated to-day that the demolition carried out in Rangoon caused widespread distruction, but it was almost impossible to destroy the port to such an extent that it could be made absolutely unusuable.

It may be possible for the Japanese to put reinforcements ashore at Rangoon, but they will have few facilities for landing material.

Jap Offensive Under Way

A Jap. offensive northwards is now under way. Beneath the Blistering tropical sun with tanks and armoured cars, too hot to touch to the naked hand in a countryside of dusty dried up paddyfields, the battle for Burma has opened. Our forces, now positioned for defence await the Japanese assault.

Main Jap Thrust

The main Japanese thrust is presently up the road to Mandalay, the former "Burma Road" with Toungoo as the immediate objective.

The fact that only our forward troops are at present contacting the Jap. force at Kanyutkwin, which is barely 40 miles from Toungoo, shows that our main forces have withdrawn further north and that the Japs. have been allowed to advance 40 miles from the Shewegwin area with little opposition.

On the Prome Road sector, now officially known as the Irrawaddy Front, Japanese activity on the river presages a parallel push with Prome as the immediate objective and the Irrawaddy oilfields, 125 miles further north, as a subsequent objective.

Already the Japanese, using boats, have sailed up the Irrawaddy river as far as a point as much as 20 miles north of the Tharrawaddy. This point is just south of Monyo on the river, where they have contacted 'traitor' Burmans presumably with the object of securing their assistance for future infiltration tactics on our flanks. On this front, however, Japs are still evidently making only preliminary moves, securing all the local support they can, since the main forces are still some 45 miles southwards of Tharrawaddy and probably have some 60 miles to go before meeting our own main forces.

JAP PLAN.

It seems certain that the Japs endeavour to exploit the Irrawaddy river to the utmost, using boats seized further down the river in occupied territory. There are considerable quantities of these capable of carrying a hundred men each. Landing by night these small forces will be used, operating between the river and the Prome Road.

ENCIRCLING MOVES.

While the opening moves of the battle now about to be fought tend to focus attention primarily to two fronts, of Irrawaddy and Toungoo,—the vital jungle country known as "Yomas" separating them must not be overlooked, for it is in this wild little known area that the favourite Jap encircling movements may be expected to be attempted. Assisted by traitor Burmans knowing every inch of the country they undoubtedly will exploit its potentialities as much as possible.

Main Battle Not Yet

The Japanese main forces advancing towards Toungoo have not yet contacted our defence position on this front, action hitherto being confined to engagements with our forward troops while in process of withddrawal from Shwegyin. The main battle is yet to be joine. t

On the Irrawaddy front the Japanese have hitherto made no attempt to launch a general offensive and appear still to be in a state of preparation probably organising transport and tanks while endeavouring to prepare the way before them as much as possible by contacting traitor Burmans further up the river.

The Chinese front is mentioned the first time in a 'Communique' reporting a minor engagement with a party of Thais officered by Japs in the Yathir area. Yathit is some eighty miles east of Toongoo on the Salween river a few miles on the Burma side of the Indo-China frontier.

I learn unofficially that Thais were in action against our forces recently in the Shwegyin area and a number were captured. A British Officer told me that they were "a poor lot," showed little fight had to be constantly goaded on by Jap Officers. There is a general air of tension as the hour of the main clash draws nearer with our forces grimly awiting the first big Jap attack, determined to give as good as they get.

MacARTHUR ON HIS MISSION

ADELAIDE, March 20.

"I will return to the Philippines" declared Gen. MacArthur here to-day in his first interview in Australia.

"The President of the United States ordered me to break through the Japanese lines and proceed from Corregidor to Australia for the purpose, as I understand it, of organising the American offensive against Japan. The primary purpose of this is the relief of the Philippines", he said.

Nazi Sapper Battalion Wiped Out

MOSCOW, March 20.

Soviet troops operating on the Southern Sector of the Central Front routed the thirty-first German Sapper Battalion, stormed a fortified village and occupied it, reports the Frontline correspondent of the "Izvestia".

Under cover of complete darkness and in a snowstorm Russian detachments approached the village from two sides while Soviet artillery opened fire forcing the Germans to take cover in cellars. Then the guns ceased fire.

Immediately afterwards, the Russians rushed the village. The Germans, caught in a pincer movement, attempted to escape along the only road but were intercepted by Soviet machine-gun fire 4133 Germans including several officers were killed.

Heavy Fighting Around Vysma

STOCKHOLM:—Very heavy fighting is now raging around Vyasma where the Germans are making great efforts to prevent the town being encircled, says the Moscow correspondent of the newspaper "Dagens Nyheter".

The Russians report the capture of a place which is undoubtedly Sergoivanovskaja, midway between Vyasma and Gzjatsk. Thirteen German wireless stations have been captured, the correspondent adds.

In the Smolensk district, another Russian force has taken three more places.

Great Fires Raging In Kharkov

Great fires are raging in Kharkov, the Ukrainian capital, as the Germans, apparently realising that its occupation is at an end are destroying oil stocks and heavy equipment they cannot move.

Tank, gun and ammunition depots are being dynamited. The Germans are destroying what they and hordes of forced labour have recreated during six months of precarious occupation.

Soviet Guerillas' Exploits

MOSCOW:— Russian guards have again been in action on the central front.

A supplement to the morning "communique" announcing this reports that within the last few days, the guards have inflicted on the Germans casualties amounting to several hundreds of officers and men in killed alone. The guards also captured two German supply depots, a number of guns, mortars and anti-tank guns, 70,000 rounds of ammunition, and other military supplies.

The latest exploit of guerilla fighters on the Leningrad front was to shoot down a German bomber.

'Pakistan' Uproar In Ulema Conference

MISSILES FLUNG AT DAIS: 12 PERSONS INJURED

Ahrars Prevent Attempt To Set Fire To Delegate Camp

LAHORE, March 21.

Several persons sustained injuries when missiles were flung towards the Dais by a section of the audience in the Jamiat-ul-Ulema conference to-night.

The President of the Conference, Maulana Hussain Ahmed Madani, referred to the Pakistan scheme in the course of his presidential address, and remarked that the Pakistan scheme would strengthen the hands of Imperialism.

A section of the audience took exception to these remarks and raised full-throated cries of "Pakistan Zindabad". This was the signal for uproar and confusion in which missiles were flung at the 'dais', resulting in injuries to about a dozen persons.

An attempt was also made by certain persons to set fire to the camps of the delegates, but Ahrar volunteers promptly arrived and controlled the situation.

A posse of police rushed to the scheme, but the President warned that no policeman could enter the pandal.

The President resumed his address while the police threw a cordon round the pandal.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH Warning To Britain

LAHORE, March 20.

Delivering his presidential address at the thirteenth session of the Jamiat-ul-Ulema-i-Hind at Lahore to-day, Maulana Hussain Ahmed Madani discussed at some length the Islamic ideal of peace in the national and international spheres. He claimed that the Jamiat stood for practical realisation of this ideal and it had always rightly guided the Muslim community in India in all religious, cultural, economic and political matters. He strongly refuted the allegation that the Jamiat was a satellite of the Indian National Congress.

Dealing with the political problems of India, the Maulana recounted the various declarations of His Majesty's Government and criticised the British Government's attitude in declaring war on behalf of India without consulting the representatives of Indian people. It was natural for India, he said, to demand a declaration of the war aims of the British Government. The declarations which were made in this connection indicated practically nothing about the fate of India in the post-war world. The result was that the various political parties in India decided their own policies ending in a constitutional deadlock in eight of the eleven provinces of British India.

BRITAIN WARNED

Maulana Hussain Ahmed Madani then referred to the Atlantic Charter and deplored Mr. Churchill's speech in the House of Commons that, due to certain difficulties, India could not be allowed to enjoy that freedom and democracy which the Charter held out to the smaller nations of Europe. The Maulana expressed great concern at the dark shadows of war that were being cast over India both from the East and the West. He declared that if at this critical hour the attitude of the British Government did not change "the whole world should know and realise that we cannot forget our aim of freedom and self-Government to the end of our lives.". He added: "We refuse to bow before this oppressive conception which is antagonistic to our ideals."

Alluding to the problem of separate electorates the Maulana said that a politically conscious group among the Mussalmans thought that the system of separate electorates was detrimental to the interests of that inter-community, harmony and goodwill which was so essential for a country like India. The Jamiat, he added, had after long deliberations adopted the principle of joint electorates with reservations for the safeguard of Muslim rights. This question, he said, was still open and the different political parties of the Indian Muslims should hold mutual consultations and arrive at a desirable conclusion in this regard.

The Maulana then proceeded to discuss the position of the Muslim community in a Free India. In this connection he divided the political thinkers of India into three groups, viz. those who were after establishing a strong Central Government of the majority community to whose sweet will all the interests of the Muslim community should be subordinate. This was a conception which, the Maulana added, would never be realised in actual practice.

THAT PAKISTAN TALK

The second group, according to the Maulana, was one which, impressed by the aims of the first group, tried by breaking up the unity of India, to create a separate political sphere for itself and to attach itself to the British Crown directly. It was evident, the Maulana continued, that the supporters of the theory of separation knew that the form of Government that could be introduced in these areas would not be based on the sovereignty of Islamic Law, but on modern democratic lines. If the view of this group were to prevail the problem of the safeguard of the rights of minorities would be transferred to the provinces with greater complications than existed at the centre. He pointed out that one of the complications that would arise was that, while in the provinces or zones with Hindu majority the Mussalmans would have insignificant minorities which could not have any effective say in the administration, the provinces or zones with Muslim majority would have very strong Hindu minorities which could interfere effectively with the administration.

The third group was the one in favour of a Federal Constitution for India without a Central Government in which all the component parts of the Federation would be independent and autonomous and free from intervention from the Centre. According to this group, the Centre would be invested with the powers which the autonomous parts would willingly and unanimously part with. Each part of the Federation would provide necessary safeguard for the cultural, political and religious rights of the minorities. The farsighted among the leaders of India considered this last proposal the only practicable solution of the constitutional tangle of India in the existing circumstances.

Maulana Hussain Ahmad Madani proposed the inauguration of a separate Department of Religious Affairs to look after the religious, cultural, economic and social problems of the Muslims of India whatever ultimate form of Government may be. This Department would be run on purely religious lines and should possess the power to legislate with a view to bringing about social and economic reform among the followers of Islam in this country with-

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CHANDULAL CHHOTALAL SHAH. (15944)

NOTICE.

Applications are invited for the following posts:—

(1) ASSISTANT CONTROLLER OF PURCHASE (ENGINEERING).

QUALIFICATIONS:—

The candidates should have a degree in Engineering of a recognised University or be a graduate or Associate Member of the Institution of Civil or Mechanical Engineers or Institution of Engineers (India) or Automobile Engineers. They should have had at least 10 years' experience, out of which 2 years should have been in an Engineering workshop and the remaining period in a position of responsibility in a commercial house or a Government or semi-government Department.

PAY.—For persons on new rates of pay Rs. 600-800. For persons already in Government service who are entitled to old rates of pay, Rs. 1000-1100.

AGE LIMIT: 30-40 years.

(2) DEPUTY ASSISTANT CONTROLLER OF PURCHASE (ENGINEERING).

QUALIFICATIONS:—

The candidates must have had a sound general education, possess technical qualifications and have had at least three years' practical business experience in a commercial house or in a semi-commercial Department of Government. A practical general knowledge of Engineering and hardware stores is also essential.

PAY.—For persons on new rates of pay Rs. 350-500. For persons already in Government service who are entitled to old rates of pay, Rs. 500-600.

AGE LIMIT: 24-35 years.

For application forms and further particulars apply to the Chairman, National Service Labour Tribunal, Vithal House, Mint Road, Bombay. (7752)

Public Notices

THE WORKERS OF GENERAL MOTORS

INDIA LIMITED

The workers of General Motors India Ltd., are herewith informed that the factory will be open in all departments on Monday, March 23rd. All men at present on strike who report for work on that day will be retained in our employ.

SAFETY FIRST

WITH our extensive Managerial Experience and Local influence, we are prepared to take over the Management of Factories, business concerns and residential Properties of such owners, who wish to leave Bombay, but who are unable to do so for want of a suitable agency to take charge, guard their interests while they are away. We are prepared to give Bank guarantees if necessary. For terms and conditions address your enquiry to Box No. 15938 care this paper.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male candidates to fill a temporary appointment for 4 months to the post of Manager for the Jail Depot, Calcutta. Pay—255 plus a commission at 1 1|2 per cent on sales to Government Department. Security required—Rs. 5,000. Age—between 30 and 40. Qualifications — Thorough knowledge of business methods and correspondence and previous experience in management of stores. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission Bengal, Anderson, House, Alipore, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 9TH APRIL, 1942 (7760)

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY.

TENDERS FOR LOADING & UNLOADING WORK.

AT AJMER AND MAHALAKSHMI STORES DEPOTS.

Apply to the Controller of Stores, Jacob Circle, Bombay No. 11, or Supdt. of Stores, Ajmer, for particulars of tenders for loading and unloading work at Stores Depots at Ajmer and Mahalakshmi. (7762)

DIRECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

LABORATORY STAINS AND CHEMICALS.

Tender No. 29 (B)

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, Indian Medical Service, New Delhi, invites tender for the 'Alcohol Dehydrated, B.P.' to be supplied immediately.

Tender forms giving details of the article required, packing and complete particulars of delivery can be had on payment of Rs. 2|-, which is not refundable, from the office of the Director General, Indian Medical Service and the offices of the Deputy Assistant Director General (Medical Stores), Medical Store Depot, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Lahore Cantonment. Payment should be made in cash or by money order to the office from which tender is to be obtained. Tender number and remitter's full address should be given on the coupon. Tender will be received upto 2-4-42. (7761)

THE MORARJEE GOCULDAS SPINNING & WEAVING COMPANY, LTD., BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER-BOOKS of the Company will remain CLOSED from SATURDAY, 4th April, 1942, to Tuesday, the 14th April 1942, (both days inclusive).

By Order of
The Board of Director,
GANESHNARAYAN PIRAMAL,
Agents.

Soparibaug Road, Parel,
Bombay, 19th Mar. 42. (7750)

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL OF SUPPLY

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONTROLLER OF PURCHASE (SUPPLY)

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CHIEF CONTROLLER of Purchase (Supply), New Delhi invites tenders for the supply of:—

Balances Spring 200 lbs. 18,071 Nos.

Tender No. P|SY|MS-2704|2N

Price of tender forms, etc., is Rs. 10|- per set and is not refundable and forms are not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or by Money Order only to the Chief Controller of Purchase (Supply), New Delhi, quoting tender number and remitters' full address on the coupon in the case of money orders.

Tenders will be received upto 4 P. M. on 6-4-42.

Applicants not already on the list of approved contractors maintained by the Chief Administrative Officer, Purchase Branch, Department of Supply, must state in their applications for tender the name of their bankers.

N.B.—Tenders are also available for sale in the offices of the Controllers of Supplies at Bombay, Cawnpore, Karachi, Lahore and Madras and the Chief Controller of Purchase (Munitions), Calcutta and may be obtained by the tenderers from these offices on payment of the requisite tender fee direct to the Officers concerned.

New Delhi, dated 14 March, 1942 (7725)

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1188 of 1939.

Messrs. NARANDAS LAHOTI, a firm. .. Plaintiffs.
vs.
DALCHAND CHOTHMAL & Ors. ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to the Decree Absolute for Sale, dated the 16th October, 1941, the following immovable properties will be sold by Public Auction in 5 lots by the Commissioner of this Hon'ble Court at the premises of Lot No. 1 at Sipati, Malegaon, Nasik District on Saturday the 11th April, 1942, at 4 P.M. (S.T.).

SCHEDULE.

Lot No. I.

Property at Malegaon District Nasik, bearing Municipal present No. 661, Survey No. 93, admeasuring about 50 (hands).

LOT NO. II.

House at Malegaon in Budhvar Peth District Nasik, bearing Municipal Old No. 1122 and house No. 164, Survey No. 284, admeasuring 34 (hands).

LOT NO. III.

House at Malegaon Budhvar Peth District Nasik, bearing Municipal No. 165, Survey No. 285, admeasuring 41 feet 3 inches and nine feet nine inches.

LOT NO. IV.

House at Malegaon Budhvar Peth District Nasik, bearing Municipal No. 156 City Survey No. 287, admeasuring on the South and North 10 hands and East and West 5 hands.

LOT NO. V.

House at Malegaon Budhvar Peth District Nasik, bearing Municipal No. 165 City Survey No. 286 admeasuring about 29 sq. yrds.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. KHANDVALA & CHHOTALAL, Attorneys for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 28th day of February, 1942.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner. (7726)

Public Notices

NOTICE

WANTED an experienced STENO-TYPIST with speed on a consolidated pay of Rs. 100 p.m. till 31-7-1942 for the time being. May be required to go to Poona. Applications in own handwriting giving full details of qualifications, etc., should reach by 25th March to Principal Elphinstone College, Bombay 1.

G. B. JATHAR,
Principal.

Elphinstone College, Bombay & Secretary, Maharashtra University, Committee, Bombay.

Elphinstone College,
Bombay, 19th March, 1942. (7755)

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RATANBAI JEHANGIRJI SETHNA, MUNCHERJI JEHANGIRJI SETHNA, and RUSTOMJI JEHANGIRJI SETHNA, all of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person claiming in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage gift, trust, inheritance possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us in our office at Central Bank Building, 55 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground containing by admeasurement (1610) one thousand six hundred and ten square yards or thereabouts situate, lying and being at Kole Doongree Pali Hill, Bandra, in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra and District of Thana in the Collectorate of Thana Salsette forming part of old Survey No. 244 and bearing New Survey No. 36, Entry Nos. 2191, and 2197 with the messuage tenement bungalow and outhouses and buildings standing thereon assessed by the Bandra Municipality under No. 1 Pali Hill and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East and South by the property of the Bank of India Ltd. on or towards the West by the Kole Doongree Street and on or towards the North by the Pali Road leading to Pali Hill and Malla Village and which premises were formerly and are now in the occupation of the Vendors and their tenants.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1942.

S. F. B. TYABJI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (7771)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HASSANALLI FATEHALI of Bombay Bohra Muslim Inhabitant, has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

That any person or persons having any claim, right, title and interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, charge, exchange, trust, lien, possession, maintenance, gift, inheritance, lease, easement, or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 36, Tamarind Lane, Tamarind House, Fort, Bombay, within Fourteen Days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Sopari Baug Road, being plot No. 31s of the Sopari Baug Estate of the Improvement Trust in the City and Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay containing by admeasurement 599 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 3/2589 Cadastral Survey No. 164A/74, Parel Sewri Division and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under F Ward No. 587 (3), Old Street No. 6, New Street No. 61-71A and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North-East by plot No. 30 of the Sopari Baug Estate of the Improvement Trust, on or towards the South-East by the land of the said Improvement Trust laid out as service passage, on or towards the South-West by plot No. 32 of the Sopari Baug Estate of the Improvement Trust and on the North-West by the Sopari Baug Road.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1942.

GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 7764

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. HIMATLAL TRIMBAKLAL MUNI, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of fazandari land or ground (now redeemed) with the messuages tenements or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate, lying and being on the South side of Nagdevi Street, also called Chipiwada Street, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 185 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 2029, Cadastral Survey No. 615 of Mandvi Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal rates and taxes under B Ward No. 777 and Street No. 51-53 and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the Chawl of Memon Jaffar Mahomed Tullah, on or towards the West by the property of Hemji or Hema Jivaji Dalal, on or towards the North by the said Nagdevi Street or Chhipiwada Street and on or towards the South by a Sweeper's passage.

Dated this 19th day of March, 1942.

AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI,
Purchaser's Attorneys! (7757)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. H. C. CAPTAIN, Receiver in High Court Suit No. 1914 of 1932 (The Central Bank of India, Ltd., versus BAI AISHABAI, widow of Haji Gulam Mahomed Ajam and Anr.) has contracted to sell to our clients the undermentioned property. All persons having any claim to or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of mortgage, sale, lease, gift, trust, use, inheritance, lien, encumbrance, easement, or otherwise howsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office Mercantile Bank Buildings, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which all claims will be considered as waived and the purchase will be completed without any regard thereto.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece of leasehold land, situate on the verge of the Esplanade at the Junction of Carnac Road and Nagdevi Street in the City and the Sub-Registration District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 884 3|9 square yards or thereabouts and bounded as follows, on or towards the East by Nagdevi Street, on or towards the West by a Public passage, on or towards the North by a Public passage and on or towards the South by Carnac Road and the said premises are assessed by the Collector of Bombay under Collector's Old No. 47 and New No. 15982, Old Survey No. 75 and New Survey No. 2010 and Cadastral Survey No. 94 of Mandvi Division and by the Collector of Municipal Assessment under Ward Nos. 203, 204, and 209 and Street Nos. 170-178 and 4-12 and 1.

Dated this 18th day of March 1942.

PAYNE & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys. (7751)

Auction Sales

VORA & CO.

AUCTION SALE (To-morrow), SUNDAY, at 10-30 a.m. (S. T.), Property of a European Gentleman, P. Nicholson Esquire, and others, at Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face, of complete Household and Office furniture, dining table, chairs, side board, silver show cases, cabinets, book cases, roll top table, Chesterfield sets, Chival dressing tables, centre-table and teapoys, almyrahs, bed with box mattress, Godrej and other steel mirror door large cupboards, New type 36" Godrej fire proof safe, Singer machine, Remington standard and Portable type writers, Electric fans and lamps, Harmonium, Wrist watches, etc. Tel. No. 40213.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our clients have contracted to purchase the undermentioned property from Bai TRIVENIBAI, wife of Keshavram Vallabhram. Any person or persons having any interest in or claim to the said property or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, maintenance, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, charge, possession, lien, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Whiteaway Laidlaw Building, 2nd floor, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise he, she or they will be precluded from making the same and such claim, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived.

SCHEDULE.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Pension and Tax land or ground with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being in the registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 454 Square Yards as per Collector's record but on actual measurement 511.11 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's No. 3/3912 Laughton's Survey No. 5/1445 part Cadastral Survey No. 157 of Mahim Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 4305(2A) and Street No. 376A and bounded as follows that is to say on or towards the South by the property of D. R. Javle, on or towards the West by the property of N. T. Chawathe and others, on or towards the North and extending upto the East by public streets known as Ranade Road extension and Lady Jamshedji Road.

Dated this 21st day of March, 1942.

PATELL & EZEKIEL,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
7736

Auction Sales

CRAWFORD & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF PROPERTY SITUATE AT DUBASH LANE, GIRGAUM BACK ROAD, BOMBAY.

Under instructions from the Official Assignee of Bombay and Assignee of the estate and effects of the insolvent Gajanan Laxman Limaye (since deceased) and with the consent of the surviving mortgagee Bai Ambabai, widow of Ratilal Damodardas Mehta, Messrs. CRAWFORD & CO., Auctioneers will sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, 25th March, 1942, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) ON SITE the right title and interest of the insolvent abovenamed and of the said mortgagee in the undermentioned property.

All that piece of Pension and Tax Tenure land (now redeemed) together with the dwelling house standing thereon situate at Khetwadi Main Road, Dubash Lane Girgaum Back Road admeasuring about 331 sq. yds. according to old title deeds and 288 sq. yds. according to Cadastral Survey Register and bearing Collector's Old No. 140, New No. D 1214, Old Survey No. 6, New Survey No. 4/7410, Cadastral Survey No. 625 of Girgaum Division, Municipal D Ward No. 1833 (8), Old Street No. 2 G., 3 and New Street No. 3, and bounded on the East by the property of Mr. Hate, on the West by the property of L. B. Dhargalkar, on the North by the property of Gandharva Maha Vidyalaya and on the South by the property of Mr. G. D. Gadgil.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to the Vendor's attorneys Messrs Ambubhai and Diwanji or to

CRAWFORD & CO.

BENNETT & CO.

Under instructions from the Custodian of Enemy Property, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction on FRIDAY, the 27th March, 1942, at 2-30 P. M. (S. T.) at the Office of the Japan Cotton Trading Co. Ltd., at Sewree Cotton Green next to the Exchange Building, the undermentioned property of Nippon Menkwa Kabushiki Kaisha (Japan Cotton Trading Co. Ltd.) vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

Godrej safe, office furniture, screens, cupboards, ceiling fans, clocks, Avery weighing scale beam upto 10 cwts., other scales and weights, tarpaulins, Hirda and Hirakassi powder, and miscellaneous other articles.

Also

1 "Chevrolet" Motor Van, 1939 Model, 29 H.P. 6 cyl., 133" W.B. Van type body.

On view from the 26th.

AUCTION SALE OF MOTOR CARS

Under instructions from the party concerned, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction on MONDAY the 23rd March, 1942, at 11 A.M. (S.T.) at their Rooms at 120 Apollo Street Fort the undermentioned:

1 "Renault" Saloon, 1933 Model, 14 H.P., 5 seater 4 cyl. No. B. M.W. 1426.

1 "Chevrolet" Tourer, 1936 Model, 5 seater, 6 cyl.

On view on the day of sale.

BENNETT & CO.

Auction Sales

GANDHI & CO.
Government Auctioneers.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT LOWER COLABA.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers will, under instructions from Messrs. Thakordas Daru Hemany & Co., Attorneys for Dr. Valimahomed Takimahomed the Transferee of Mortgage and on account and at the risk of Mr Alimahomed Gulamhussein Ladak heir and legal representative of the deceased Jenabai widow of Gulamhussein Ladak the Mortgagor and in exercise of the power of sale reserved to the Transferee by the Mortgage dated 18th July 1933 and the Transfer of Mortgage dated 15th November 1935 and the Further Charge dated 15th November 1935 and Further Charge dated the 27th September 1938 sell by Public Auction the undermentioned Valuable Immovable Property on FRIDAY, the 27th March, 1942, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), on the premises.

FIRSTLY:—All those pieces of Government land of the quit and ground rent tenure (since redeemed) now converted into one situate at Edulji Street and 5th Koli Lane, Lower Colaba containing by admeasurement 100 1/9 square yards or thereabouts and registered under New Nos. 9594 9595 and 9612 together with the dwelling house assessed under 'A' Ward Nos. 637, 869 and 870, Street Nos. 20-22, 4 and 6 Edulji Street and 5th Koli Lane.

SECONDLY:—All that piece of Government land of quit and ground rent tenure (redeemed) situate a Lower Colaba containing by admeasurement 21 square yards or thereabouts registered under New No. 477, New Survey No. 9610 and C. S. No. 237 of Colaba Division.

For further Particulars & Conditions of Sale please apply to Messrs. Thakordas Daru Hemany & Co., Attorneys for the Transferee of Mortgage or to the Undersigned.

GANDHI & CO.,

TO-NIGHT & THIS WEEK

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Daily at 4-30, 7 & 10 p.m.
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TO-DAY & TO-MORROW MORNING AT 10-30 A.M.

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The most Amazing Mystery Thriller ever Screened with

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Romance to unloosen your heart-strings..Laughter to banish the blues....in the most sparkling screen treat of the year!

SCREEN'S SWEETEST SONG-STRESS
DEANNA DURBIN
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IT STARTED WITH EVE
CHARLES LAUGHTON
ROBERT CUMMINGS.

THE EDWARD

Daily at 4, 6-30 & 10 p.m.
Sat., Sun. Matinee at 1-30 p.m.

TO-NIGHT & THIS WEEK

TENSE HUMAN DRAMA

Has made the 'ANAND' RELEASE

SHANTA Hublikar, Nazir & JAGDISH in

SUNRISE Pictures'
GHARKI-LAJ

Free List Suspended

TO-DAY MORN. AT 10 A.M.
ERROL FLYNN,
OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND IN
DODGE CITY

SUNDAY MORN. AT 10 A.M.
GREAT LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST
KING OF KINGS

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

SOME REALISING.

Bombay, March 20.

After a sharp rise on the last three days, there was some urge for profit taking as well as liquidation by tired holders. Prices received slight setback. Tata Steel Defd. were put around Rs. 1,330 and Ordinaries Rs. 250. Scindias dropped to Rs. 19-4, but closed at Rs 19-8. Centuries after closing off to 9385 firmed up and closed 11 points higher at Rs. 396. E. D. Sassoons found sellers at Rs. 2-9-6. Bombay Burma old shares were in demand at Rs. 230 for cash. Indian Irons were Rs. 22-8 and Bengal Steels at Rs. 13-14-0. Burma Corporation Rs. 1-15-0 and Indian Copper Rs. 1-12-0. The market was steady despite realising here and there.

On Saturday, the 21st. inst., the market is entirely closed.

TEXTILES		
100 Ahmedabad Advance	305	0
250 BOMBAY DYEING	1127	8
100 CENTURY	398	0
100 CENTRAL INDIA	356	0
100 Colaba X.D.	165	0
100 Coorla	120	0
250 Dawn	552	0
250 David	300	0
1 E. D. Sassoon Defd.	2	9
100 FINLAY	197	0
100 GOKAK	256	0
1000 Hindustan	2200	0
100 Indore	225	0
100 Khatau	230	0
100 KOHINOOR X.D.	444	0
250 LAXMI	640	0
100 Madhusudan	320	0
100 MORARJI	435	0
250 Model	216	4
50 MYSORE	125	0
200 NEW GREAT X.D.	265	0
100 Podar X.D.	189	0
100 Phoenix	385	0
25 Sassoon Silk	80	8
1000 Sholapur	5000	0
50 SIMPLEX	184	0
100 SWADESHI	400	0
100 SWAN	187	0
500 Vishnu	1430	0
1000 Western	1500	0
BANKS		
50-100 Baroda X.D.	102	8
25-50 Central India X.D.	41	0
500 Imperial	1377	8
125-500 Imp. Cont.	341	4
50-100 India X.D.	134	8
100 Reserve Bank	97	0
5 Union X.D.	6	0
CEMENTS		
100 ASSOCIATED X.D.	156	0
INSURANCE		
15-75 New India	43	0
100 Empire	700	0
15-100 Jupiter	11	4
20 Mercantile	54	0
300 Oriental	3450	0
10-50 Vulcan	8	2
ELECTRIC		
100 Ahmedabad Old X.D.	160	0
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY	1510	0
10 Ajmer	12	9
50 BOMBAY TRAMS	125	0
100 Bombay Suburban	170	0
10 Broach	13	6
100 Karachi	208	12
100 Poona	217	0
100 Surat	178	12
100 TATA HYDRO	159	0
1000 TATA POWER	1412	8
RAILWAYS		
500 Ahmedabad Prantij X.D.	862	8
100 C. Province	104	0
100 Dhond Baramati	104	4
100 Gujarat	103	0
100 Mandra Bhon	102	0
100 Pachora Jamner	93	8
100 Sara Sirajganj	98	0
500 Tapti Valley	642	8
MININGS		
9 Burma Corporation	1	15
2sh. Indian Copper	1	12
10 Indian Iron and Steel	22	10
30 SHIVRAJPUR	30	0
10 Mukund Iron	13	8
40 TATA STEEL DEFD	1525	0
75 TATA STEEL ORD.	280	0
10 Steel Corporation	13	14
MISCELLANEOUS		
100 ALCOCK	44	0
10 Air Services	3	0
50 BELAPUR SUGAR	232	0
200 Bombay Safe Deposit	650	0
250 BOMBAY STEAM	306	0
100 B. BURMA	225	0
50 Contributory	76	4
8sh. Br. B. Petrol	1	6
100 IND. BLEACHING	175	0
80 Ind. Invest. Trust	45	0
100 Indian Radio Def	360	0
100 Indian Radio Ord	340	0
100 Port Canning	70	0
30 PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	110	0
15 Scindia	19	8
24 Tata Oil	49	0
24 Tata Chemical	14	14
100 Wimco	190	0
PREFERENCE		
7 p.c. Andhra Valley	1502	0
6 p.c. Bom. Steam	315	0
7 p.c. Bom. Tram. (T.F.) X.D.	75	8
5 p.c. Central India (T.F.)	651	4
6 1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 1st	112	0
6 1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D.	105	0
7 p.c. Tata Hydro	147	8
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1523	12
6 p.c. Tata Steel 1st	182	8
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	120	8
7 p.c. Vishnu	715	0
DEBENTURES		
4 p.c. Andhra Valley Deb	100	0
4 p.c. Bom. Telephone	48	0
5 p.c. Morarji	103	8
5 p.c. Sholapur	74	8
4 p.c Tata Power Deb.	105	8

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, March 20.

The bullion market was quiet but easy to-day and prices fluctuated narrowly.

Trading was featureless. Silver for Chaitra settlement opened at Rs. 77/8 but declined to Rs. 76/12. At this stage selling pressure dried up with the rate recovering to Rs. 77/4.

The closing quotations were as under:—

Silver Ready	Rs.	81	4 0
Silver Chaitra		77	4 0
Gold Ready		51	8 0
Gold Chaitra		51	0 0
Sovereigns		38	10 0

LONDON SILVER.
London, March 19.
To-day's Price.

Spot	23-1/2
Forward	23-1/2

LONDON GOLD.
Gold bars fine per oz. £8-8-0

COTTON PARITY
BOMBAY, March 20.
Broach A/M below N.Y. May 1.232 cent. Pts at 331.
Broach J/A below N.Y. July 1.167 cent Pts. at 331.

TRADE BUYING OFFSET BY HEDGE SALES

Dull Trading On New York Cotton Market

BOMBAY, March 20.

The New York Cotton market on Thursday ruled quietly steady with small fluctuations. Mill price-fixing against Government orders met small hedging against purchases of Commodity Credit Corporation stocks with buyers cautious expecting further pressure from this source. The session closed steady.

The July position opened 2 points higher at 18.74. This proved to be the highest level for the day. Hedge selling depressed the rate to 18.68. This was the lowest level recorded for the session. The market moved narrowly thereafter with the closing rate recording a loss of 2 points at 18.70. The spot rate was quoted at a loss of 11 points at 20.25.

CHICAGO MARKET

Chicago grains sagged on nervous Commission House and professional selling stimulated by renewed weakness of rye, reports that winter wheat is progressing favourably and lagging flour and mill demand. Wheat was easy.

WALL STREET

Wall Street opened steady and selling dried up with leaders recovering fractionally but demand was light and after early mild buying, the market turned irregularly lower with offerings small. Uninspiring labour and business developments resulted in sluggish dealings and the market closed irregular. U. S. Steels closed lower by 1/8 Dollars at 50 3/5.

PRIVATE ADVICES:—
New York July Highest 18.74+2 (10-00)
New York July Lowest 18.68—4 (10-50)

Messrs Chunilal Mehta and Co., have received today the following cable information from their Foreign Friends:—
New York:—Trade buying against Government orders. Market steady

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, March 20.

The local Cotton Market is recording new low levels every day. Confidence is altogether lacking in view of the Government policy and tactics adopted by some operators. If one looks at the trend of the market, one can have an idea that operations are carried with total disregard to the broad interests of the country. Last year some operators opined that cotton below Rs. 225 was an unprofitable proposition for the cultivators. And hence large purchases were made on their behalf resulting in a sharp rise in cotton prices to Rs. 305. While this year when cotton is sold at an abnormally a low level of Rs. 162 as compared with the present values of American cotton and other commodities, bear tactics are

HOLIDAY ON LOCAL MARKETS

The pucca cotton market, the Bombay Stock Exchange, the Indian Stock Exchange, the Bullion market will remain entirely closed to-day, on the 21st instant, being Jamshedi Navroz.

still being resorted, and the market is demoralised. Where the interests of the farmers have gone this year remains a puzzle. The position demands serious thinking on the part of the operators. And if in this way the market is to function, business from the cotton market will dwindle much and operators will have to thank themselves for such a situation. Even the Government of India has delayed much to carry out their promises of the purchase programme. That has also jeopardised the position of the market. At the current level, scale down purchases in cotton is likely to turnout profitable in the long run.

The market opened quiet at Rs. 162/8 for Broach A/M and the rate steadily went ahead to Rs. 167/8 on covering by shorts. The market again lost ground partially on some offerings with the rate declining to Rs. 165.

The session terminated as follows at 4-30 p.m.

BROACH April/May	Rs.	165	0 0
BROACH July/August		183	4 0
OOMRA March		134	8 0
OOMRA May		139	0 0
OOMRA July		150	0 0
BENGAL March		121	0 0
BENGAL May		126	0 0
BENGAL July		135	0 0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.
BOMBAY, March 20.

	HIGHEST	LOWEST	CLOSING at 4-30 p.m.
Broach A/M	167	165	163
Broach J/A	185	182½	182½
Oomra Mar	133½	130½	131½
Oomra May	138½	136½	137½
Oomra July	148½	146½	147½
Bengal Mar	118	117	118
Bengal Mar	125½	123½	125
Bengal July	132	130½	132

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, March 20

The market put on a steady tone to-day and price movements were narrow. Tata Deferreds moved between 1315 and 1330 and closed at 1320, while Tata Ordinaries hovered around 251. Bombay Dyeings opened somewhat lower at 1115 and subsequently ruled unchanged at 1125. Indian Irons were quiet at 22-6.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:—
Tata Deferreds (1325) 1315 1330 1320
Tata Ordinaries (250) 250 252 251
Tata Ordinary 251; Tata Deferred 1320; Indian Iron 22/6; Steel Corpn of Bengal 13/14; Bombay Dyeing 1115; Central India 348/12; Century 384/6; Gokak 250; Kohinoor 440; Simplex 175; Andhra Valley 1450; Tata Hydro 158/12; Tata Power 1400; Associated Cement 156/8; Belapur 225; Bombay Burma (old) 215.

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS
Bombay, March 20

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 137 28 128 35 127 42 126 49-56 122
Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 108 24 105 28 105 35 93 42 92 49-56 91
Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 75 Rosita Rs. 72 Country make Rs. 59 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 32 per cwt.
Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 80/8 per qr.
SETTLEMENT RATES
Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 128/8
Market tone:—Steady with a firm tone.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS
Bombay, March 20

Yarn No. 6 1/2s. April 213 June 212
Yarn No. 10 1/2s. April 233 June 232
Yarn No. 20 1/2s. April 310 June 306
Yarn No. 40s. April 425 June 420
Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s and 40s are nominal.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 19.

	To-day's Closing.
May	18.61
July	18.70
October	18.81
Middling Spot	20.25

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
New York, March 19

May	18.64
July	18.76
October	19.0
Middling Spot	19.24

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, March 19.

	Noon Call.
May	18.61
July	18.70
October	18.81

LONDON EXCHANGES.
London, March 19.

T. T. London on:—		
New York sellers		4.02-1/2
	buyers	4.03-1/2
Madrid, official		40.5
	voluntary rate	46.55
Montreal, sellers		4.43
	buyers	4.47
Zurich, sellers		17.3
	buyers	17.4
Stockholm, sellers		16.85
	buyers	16.95

GOVT. SECURITIES

BOMBAY, March 20.

2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 93
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Notes 87/5
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 94
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 95
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 103
4 per cent 1945 Bonds 102/2
3 per cent War Bonds 97/6
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 97/6
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan 107/8

TAX FREE LOANS
5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 104/9
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore 110
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 120 N

CORPORATION DEBENTURES
4 per cent RPT 1947 97/0
4 per cent M Deb 1947 100/0
5 per cent M Deb 1959 110
5 per cent M Deb 1954 119/8
5 per cent K P T 1956 115
Trend:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, March 20.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months.
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months
B. C. Rates:—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32: D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4: D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2: D D Rs 326 1/2
MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2: D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs 297 1/4: D D Rs 293 3/4
BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4: D D nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2: D D nil
STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123: D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128: D D K 128
MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27: D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04: D D Rs 62.04
LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal: D D Esc 7.35 nominal.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55: D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8: D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil: D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 36 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready: 23 9/16 Forward.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call and 1 month 1/2 per cent.
2 to 3 months 3/4 per cent.
4 to 9 months 1 per cent.
Tone:—Steady.

Bombay Sugar Market

Bombay, March 20

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:—
Java ready from Bond Rs. 20-0-0
Indian sugars ready:—
(Ordinary) Rs. 17-15-0 to 18-7-0
Ready (large grain) Rs. 18-7-0 to 19-4-0
Buland Rs. 19-12-0
Chinai Lisa Rs. 31-0-0
Bombay Group May delivery Rs. 14-1-0
Tone:—Firm.

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INVESTMENT INQUIRY ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

RISE IN NOTE CIRCULATION

Sagging Trend Of The Bullion Market

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Bombay, March 20

Conditions in the local short-term money market showed no new features as compared to the last week. Day-to-day loans were quoted at 1/2 per cent. and three to six months' money around 1 1/4 per cent. In contrast to the stationary Treasury Bill discount rate of 1 per cent. during January and February, there has been a steady improvement in the rate during this month. During the week under review, the discount rate moved up from Rs. 1-1-11 to Rs. 1-2-8 per cent. probably due to increased yield on Government Securities and Government's financing by short-term bills in order to ease the Ways and Means position. Three months' intermediate bills sold during the week amounted to only Rs. 15 lacs.

Yet another substantial rise of Rs. 10-11 crores in the active note circulation in India is revealed by the weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India compiled up-to 13th March. The total note issue shows an expansion of Rs. 15.29 crores. On the assets' side, while there is no change in the Bank's holding of Gold Coin and Bullion Sterling Securities have increased by Rs. 16 crores. Rupee Securities show little change, but the Bank's holding of Rupee Coin has declined by Rs. 70.75 lacs. The ratio of gold bullion and coin plus-sterling assets to total liabilities has increased by 1.067 to 51.496 per cent. In the Banking Department, there is an all-round decline in Deposits. Those on account of Governments have fallen by Rs. 2.21 crores, Bankers' by Rs. 1.48 crores and Others' by Rs 28.39 lacs. Balances held abroad record a fall of Rs. 16.27 crores, while Government borrowings under Ways and Means have gone up by Rs. 6.66 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 13th March registers a rise of Rs. 83.53 lacs in all kinds of Deposits. There is an increase of Rs. 1.83 crores under the item of 'Investments' but Advances show a decline of Rs. 22.07 lacs. The Bank's holding of Cash has depleted to the extent of Rs. 78.87 lacs.

EXCHANGE

There was little change in the rupee/sterling exchange market during the period under review. For interbank business, sellers of spot T T on London quoted 1s 5 63/64d with buyers at 1s 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:—

Sellers of T T on London (spot and upto six months) 1s 5 31/32d.

Buyers of T T on London (spot and upto six months) 1s 6 1/32d.

In the New York market, there was no alteration in the familiar quotation of 403.75 cents to the pound sterling.

GOLD

After having reached almost an all-time record in the past week, gold prices tended to decline during the week under review. From the opening level of Rs. 54-4, spot gold moved up sharply to Rs. 55-4 on the same day, but thereafter gradually came down to Rs. 50-2 on Saturday and after improving to Rs. 53-8 on Wednesday, closed at Rs. 51/4. April settlement gold, which was quoted at a discount of 8 annas at the opening, stood 2 annas under spot mid-week, but was quoted 4 annas under at the close. There were no dealings for May settlement. During the week, it was reported that the authorities had re-started the sale of sovereigns against gold, but the premium demanded was alleged to be much higher than that previously fixed by them. The price of sovereigns declined from Rs. 41 to Rs. 39-8 at which level it represented a premium of about Rs. 7 over the amount of gold contained in the coin. Floating stocks of gold are estimated to be about 100,000 tolas, whilst the average daily arrivals from up-country and offtake are put at 10,000 tolas each. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 55-4 and Rs. 50-2 for spot and Rs. 53-12 and Rs. 50 for April settlement.

SILVER

The silver section of the local bullion market witnessed a steep setback as was indicated at the close of the previous week. A falling-off in the offtake of ready silver as well as a tendency on the part of speculators to realise profits was responsible for the early decline in prices. Spot silver of .999 fineness opened at Rs. 89-6-0 and declined sharply to Rs. 79-6 on Saturday. During mid-week, the rate improved to Rs. 85-1, but closed at Rs. 81-8. April settlement silver was quoted at a discount varying between Rs. 3-8 and Rs. 4-8 during the course of the week. Ready silver of .916 fineness which was quoted at a premium over settlement, stood at a discount of 12 annas. No dealings for May settlement were reported. In London, the quotation for cash silver stood at 23 1/2d throughout the week Two months' forward delivery commanded a premium of 1/16d until mid-week whereafter both cash and forward silver was quoted even. Stocks of silver in the local market are said to be around 8,000 bars. The highest and lowest rates touched were Rs. 89-8 and Rs. 79-6 for spot and Rs. 84 and Rs. 75-14 for April settlement.

GILTEDGED

There was no change in giltedged values during the week under report although occasional business in medium-dated bonds was reported at little above the minimum fixed. In the long-term securities, however, no business was possible. 3 1/2 per cent India Sterling Stock was steady around £101 1/16 throughout, while its counterpart in the local market was quoted a fraction better at Rs. 87-2. There were stray transactions reported in 5 per cent 1945-55 (tax free) loan around Rs. 104-8. The market for other securities was all dull. On the whole, the tone of the market was steady.

SHARES

Prices on the local stock exchange showed a slight recovery during the week under review on modest buying inquiry in some of the popular scrips. The volume of turnover, however, was much restricted.

In the steel group there was no enquiry whatsoever and quotations remained stuck at the bottoms fixed. In the textile bloc, however, prices showed a welcome improvement. Bombay Dyeings were marked up from Rs. 1100 to Rs. 1130, whilst Central Indias and Centuries came to business at Rs. 356 and Rs. 398 respectively. Gokaks found buyers at Rs. 256, Kohinoors at Rs. 444, whilst New Greats moved up from Rs. 250 to Rs. 265 at the end. Swadeshi put up well over 40 points to Rs. 400. Among banks and hydro-electrics, Bank of Indias made considerable leeway from Rs. 116 to Rs. 134-8 and Reserve Banks from Rs. 89-8 to Rs. 100-8. Central Banks were quoted higher at Rs. 41, but Imperial Bank Fully Paids were about unchanged at Rs. 1377-8 whilst Partly Paids found buyers at Rs. 341-4 as compared with the opening level of Rs. 322-8. Andhra Valleys were firm at Rs. 1515 and Tata Powers at Rs. 1410 for cash. There was some investment demand in Bombay Trams at around Rs. 128-8 and in Tata Hydros around Rs. 159. In the miscellaneous section, Associated Cements were flat at Rs. 157 and Bombay Burmas at Rs. 225, but Belapurs were in request at Rs. 232. Scindia Steams and New Indias improved from Rs. 17-2 to Rs. 19-8 and Rs. 38 to Rs. 43 respectively.

CALCUTTA

Jute shares in the Calcutta market were steady with little activity in evidence. Prices, in consequence, remained unaltered around their previous levels.

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURN.

London, March 19.

	£	£
Total bullions ...	594,000	617,000
Public deposits ...	21,000,000	12,600,000
(A) Other deposits ...	169,700,000	186,100,000
Government securities ...	154,000,000	162,000,000
(B) Other securities ...	23,500,000	23,300,000
Notes, gold and silver coin ...	27,000,000	26,400,000
Notes in circulation ...	753,600,000	754,200,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities ...	14.16 p.c.	13.27 p.c.
(A) Other deposits include bankers.	117,600,000	136,900,000
(B) Other securities include discounts and advances ...	4,200,000	4,300,000
Total deposits ...	190,700,000	198,700,000
Total securities.	177,500,000	186,100,000

EXPORT DEMAND FOR SUGAR

Bombay, March 19

Java sugar: Since our last review the situation as regards Bonded Java sugar has remained steady with prices fluctuating within narrow limits. In spite of the fact that shipments from Java are no more possible, local market showed no improvement in price of Bonded sugar. This is due to absence of demand from overseas on account of scarcity of freight. Holders are very firm and are not prepared to sell their stocks at lower limits as they expect higher prices later on when there is demand for shipments. In forward there was nothing doing. Local stocks ex-Bond are estimated at about 10,000 tons of which a good portion is sold, awaiting shipping facility. Tone of the market was steady.

Indian sugar: Market for Indian sugar continued to remain firm with upward tendency. Prices on the whole have recorded an advance of 4 annas in ready and 6 to 8 annas in F.O.R. deliveries, due to good demand from consuming centres for U.P. and Behar mills. The Maharastra mills were regular sellers for various mills and good business was reported at increased limits. The main business in Maharastra Group mills was done in Kalamb mills. In Bombay Group, business was reported for May delivery from Rs. 13/12 to Rs. 14. In Gola Group, market was steadier with an advance of 2 to annas per md. due to improvement on the Cawnpore Exchange. Business was generally restricted except in E. O. R. mills deliveries. Cawnpore market was reported firm owing to good demand and holders being not inclined to sell except at their limits. During the week the Sugar Syndicate issued a quota of 10 per cent which was immediately taken up by the agents and sold at a premium of Rs. 2 or higher. It is generally expected that prices will gradually work higher as the present stocks of Indian sugar are not sufficient for consumption of India and there is no possibility of Imports. On the contrary in view of the present conditions, there is regular demand for Export and it is likely that it will continue resulting in still higher prices.

BOMBAY PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, March 20

The seeds market was steady to-day with the exception of wheat which declined sharply by 2 annas on heavy general liquidation induced by the reported Government announcement as regards the position of the commodity. The closing prices were as under:—

Groundnuts May	Rs.	41 12 0
Castorseeds May		42 13 0
Cottonseeds May		25 5 6
Wheat May		7 6 6
Linseed May		9 1 6

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay, March 20

91 cases gripe water; 216 cases cigarettes; 214 drums prig ink; 2252 cases gin; 663 cases ale; 183 cases whisky; 170 cases cyder; 240 ctns scouring powder; 228 bundles bicycle rims; 489 cases boot polish; 150 ctns satine; 750 ctns miltons; 100 drums meta rock; 99 cases wincarnis; 53 cases books; 65 cts wrapping paper; 125 pkgs tyre and tubes; 861 bags fuller's earth; 35 cases photo material; 122 cases elect goods; 577 cases chemicals; 122 cases boot cream; 795 pkgs toilet preparations; 433 pkgs machinery and parts; 165 pkgs medicines; 50 drums soda sulphate; 60 cases toilet soap; 100 cases carbolic soap; 40 drums soda sulphite; 62 cases fromic acid; 58 cases metal polish; 43 cases asphalt; 80 bundles shovels; 46 ctns empty fire extinguishers; 100 bags boiler lagging; 37 cases sau. earthenware; 101 cases tissue paper; 68 casks lead acetate; 75 cases wax paper; 40 bags borax; 127 bags emery powder; 82 drums moulding powder; 300 cases beer; 100 cases fruit cordials; 41 cases tobacco; 40 bags barium sulphate; 45 bales secondhand clothing; 276 coils bare copper wire; 260 tins marine chaulking composition; 187 cases window glass; 317 cases dry colours; 107 cases chloroform; 55 cases radio parts; 110 cases gas meters; 1343 cases paints; 154 pkgs oil varnish; 80 ctns boiler water purifiers; 205 cases essences; 225 drums anticorrosine composition; 225 drums antifuling composition; 50 drums hydrosulphite of soda; 51 cases glass paper; 100 drums amm bicarb; 500 drums soda nitrate; 320 bxs antifriction metal; 237 cases blue; 70 cases rum; 50 cases toilet paper; 50 cases wines; 40 ctns cleaning powder; 313 cases fruit squash; 112 cases cleansing milk; 50 pcs flushing cisterns; 200 drums coal tar; 135 cases photo film.

EXPORTS

27 bales ctn pcegoods Madhavdas Amersey and Co; 15 bales ctn pcegoods Fleming Shaw and Co Ltd; 24 bales ctn pcegoods The Madhusudan Mills Ltd; 1751 bags linseed Kilachand Devchand and Co Ltd; 8001 bags gr nut kerneis The Oilseeds Trading Co Ltd; 75 bags coriander seeds H Bhagwandas and Co; 23 bags turmeric M Shethana and Co; 48 bags dry ginger H K Kesharwalla; 1186 bags linseed Indian Produce Co Ltd; 15247 bags linseed Ralli Bros Ltd; 50 bags cummin seed A P Gupta; 2371 bags linseeds The Oilseeds Trading Co Ltd; 102 bales ctn waste clean Manubhai Narotamdas and Co; 140 bales ctn waste clean M Chandulal and Co; 100 bales ctn waste clean P D Vora and Co; 100 bales ctn twist waste C Jairam and Co; 25 bales ctn yarn Pan Asiatic Overseas Co Ltd; 28 bales ctn yarn Keshavji Virji and Co; 201 bales ctn pcegoods Ralli Bros Ltd; 152 bales ctn pcegoods B M P Goveas; 603 bales ctn pcegoods Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 20 bales ctn pcegoods The Anglo-Thai Corptn Ltd; 111 bales ctn pcegoods Grindlay and Co Ltd; 54 bales ctn pcegoods Chinoobhai and Bros Ltd; 256 bs ctn pcegoods S R Pusalkar and Co Ltd; 251 bales ctn pcegoods Damodar Khetsey; 25 bs ctn pcegoods Keshavji Virji and Co; 24 bs ctn pcegoods Bombay Textile Export Agency; 62 bales ctn pcegoods E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 44 bales ctn twist waste Sapt Textile Products (India) Ltd; 100 bales ctn pcegoods W H Brady and Co Ltd 17 bales ctn pcegoods Khimji Vishram and Sons; 500 tons manganese ore James Finlay and Co Ltd; 12 bales ctn remnants Manubhai Narotamdas and Co; 11 bales ctn pcegoods Khatau Makanji Spg and Wg Co Ltd; 73 bales ctn pcegoods B Balwant and Co.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, March 19.

Rozario Santa Fe, Mar.-Apl. quoted ...	22/1-1/2
Barletta Russo, Mar.-Apl. quoted ...	22/3
Australian Wheat, Mar.-Apl. quoted ...	27/6

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, March 19.

Rupee paper 3-1/2 p.c. ...	£66
Indian Stock 3-1/2 p.c. 1931 or later ...	£101-1/16
Consols 2-1/2 p.c. ...	£ 82-7/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1961 ...	£106-3/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p.c. ...	£105-3/4
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960-90 ...	£116
Victory Bonds 4 p.c. 1960-90 ...	£113-1/4
Chartered Bank of I. A. & China ...	£ 5
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg) ...	£ 45
National Bank of India ...	£ 21

GIRI AND JOSHI APPEAL TO MADRAS GOVERNOR

NEW DELHI, Mar. 20.

Mr. V. V. Giri, President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, and Mr. N. M. Joshi, Secretary, have sent a telegram to the Governor of Madras requesting him to commute the death sentence on Gopalan Nambiar.—United Press.

Latest Commercial

JULY

New York, March 20

Previous closing ...	18.70
To-day's opening ...	18.70
Difference ...	nil.
To-day's clossing ...	18.66
Difference ...	—04

BROACH EXPECTATION

April/May ...	Rs. 164-8
July/August ...	Rs. 182-12

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, March 20

Following are the New York opening ranges:

May	18.61/61
July	18.70/70
October	18.78/78

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London, March 20

SEEDS

Castorseeds March/April (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers

Linseed Bombay/Calcutta March/April (£20 nominal) £20 nominal

Linseed La Plata March/April unquoted

Groundnut Coromandal Coast March/April (East Coast India shipment not quoted: £20 West Coast India shipment) £20 West Coast shipment.

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62

Lead (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T.T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, March 20

Previous closing ...	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening ...	4.03 3/4

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, March 20

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION.

London, March 20

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London, March 20

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil

Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers

New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent

4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.

6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, March 20

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors (dol 34 7/8) dol 34 3/4

Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 26 3/4) dol 26 5/8

United States Steel Common (dol 51) dol

United States Steel Preference (dol 113 1/4) unquoted

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 20

The Stock Exchange remained quiet but steady.

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, March 20

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 1/16

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

London, March 20

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £62 3/4

3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 3/16

2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 7/8

4 per cent Funding Loan £116

3 1/2 per cent War Loan £106 11/16

3 per cent War Loan £100 1/4

4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 1/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 16-7 1/2

Marks and Spencer Ordinay 33-4 1/2

Electric Music Industry 13-6

Princhin Johnson 20-9

Imperial Chemicals 32-1 1/2

Woolsworth New Ordinary 48-9

San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £79 1/2

Dundee 25-0

Unilever Ordinary 26-0

Ford Motors 24-4 1/2

Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £49 1/2

British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 19/32

Carreas 'A' £5 15/32

Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 1/16

P and O Defd 27-1 1/2

Distillers 72-9

Bredfords Dyes 7-10 1/2

British Celanese 6-9

J and P Coates 34-4 1/2

Courtaulds Ordinary 31-9

Fine Cotton Spinners 6-9

Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-0

Inter Nickel dol 40 1/2

Indian Iron 31-10 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam 11-3

Donaro Tea 20-0

Empire of India 11-3

JUTE

Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 7-3

Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2

Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 10-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 15-3

Burma Corporation 3-4 1/2

Rio Tintos £8

East Rand Properties £1 7/8

Rand Mines £6 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 3/4

Associated Portland Cement 42-6

Trinidad Leasehold 68-1 1/2

Sub-Nigel £5 7/8

Spring Mines Split Shares £1

Union Corporation 125-0

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-0

Anglo-India 37-6

Burma Oil £1 1/2

Mexican Eagle 12-4 1/2

Shell Transport £1 15/16

Royal Dutch £12 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £41 3/4

London Midland Ordinary £18 1/8

London North Eastern Defd £1 3/4

London Southern Defd £15

London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2

London Transport £39

ALL-INDIA DAYANAND SALVATION MISSION.

The Mission started rescue homes at Hoshiarpur, and Bilaspur. It has resolved to give grants to rescue homes, started by any Hindu public body provided they work efficiently and follow the principles of the mission. The Mission is running three schools at Sagwan in Banswara State Dev Rundi in Basindra State, and Naharpur in Sailana State. A Bhil ashram has been started at Raoti. The Mission spent Rs. 2,000 for prachar amongst the Harijan aborigines. This year the Mission converted 10759 Non-Hindus to Hinduism. The Mission stands in need of funds, and appeals for financial help.

BOMBAY KERALEEYA SAMAJ.—Under the auspicious of the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj a free Hindi Class will be started shortly. It is provisionally fixed that the classes will be held on Saturdays between 8-30 and 9-30 p. m Those desirous of joining the class are requested to enrol themselves with the Secretary at the Samaj office Sushil Terrace, Hindu Colony 1st lane, Dadar (G.I.P.) Bombay.

BALKAN-JI-BARI—The following office-bearers have been elected to carry on the work of All-India organisation for 1942-43: Chairman Mr. B. G Kher; Vice-Chairman Mrs. M. R. Masani, Mr. S. A. Brelvi and Miss Parvati T. Gidwani; General Secretary Mrs. Krishna Hutheesing; Assistant Secretaries Messrs Ram B. Motwani and Satish P. Desai; and Treasurer Mr. Durlabhji Khetani.

"MENDACIOUS ASPERSIONS" ON BOSE'S PARTY

Signatories Of Statement Stand By Their Election Manifesto

CALCUTTA, March 20.

"As regards the new problems that have arisen owing to the incalculable march of events in more recent times' there is our party's opinion that every effort should be made to resist the new menace of foreign aggression whether from the West or from the East that threatens our motherland", says a statement issued on behalf of the party in the Bengal Assembly of which Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose was the leader.

The signatories to the statement which is issued "to disabuse the public mind of such prejudice as may have been created by malicious misrepresentations" about the policy of the party, include two members of the Bengal Cabinet, Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu, Minister for Public Health and Local self-Government and Mr. Promatha Nath Banerjee, Revenue Minister.

Criticising the attempts made by their critics", to ignore their party label and foist on it a label that was not in fact adopted by the party", the signatories, point out that these cannot touch them so long as they stand by the manifesto on which they were elected and strive to discharge their duties accordingly.

"Advanced political opinion in India", they add, "does not desire to have a master, not to speak of a change of master in demanding that India should be enabled to attain and defend her freedom just as free China, her neighbour, has been heroically defending her for more than four years. As an earnest of sincere endeavour to defend our homeland, our party along with the parties in the Progressive Coalition has been doing its utmost to help and promote the organisation of Civil Defence which is the particular charge of the Provincial Government of Bengal. It is no small wonder, therefore, that malicious aspersion of Fascism and Fascist inclination has been cast against some members of the party and there is an obvious attempt to defame the party and damn even the larger coalition into which it has entered so that it may be divided and destroyed piecemeal with a ruthlessness commensurate with the malice from which such mendacious aspersions proceed."—A.P.

FIRE IN CITY FILM STUDIO

BOMBAY, Friday.

The godown of the Supreme Art Film Studio, belonging to the Ranjit Film Company, and situated at the Dadar Main Road was the scene of a serious fire at about 7 p.m. to-night. It appears that the godown was packed with costly films which were all burnt out. The damage is estimated to be over a lakh of rupees. About a dozen fire-brigades helped in extinguishing the fire which was brought under control after more than an hour.

The fire spread to the neighbouring painting shade which too was destroyed with the godown

The cause of the fire is not known.

"WE CAN'T FORGET OUR IDEAL OF FREEDOM"

(Continued from page 1)

out the fear of interference from the Federal Government.

INTERNAL DIFFERENCES

Concluding the Maulana deplored the internal differences of the various Muslim political bodies and said that their differences had eliminated the possibility of co operation in matters which were of common interest for all. The Jamiat, he said, was always in favour of full co-operation in all such matters and had always been ready to extend the hand of friendship towards other bodies The false sense of pride should not stand in the way of different political bodies among the Muslims to co-operate with each other in matters of common interest and welfare. If such an attitude were not adopted, the Maulana was afraid that the interests of the community would be fatally injured in the coming struggle.—A.P.

SUIT FOR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE

Defendant Directed To Execute Release

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice Kania.)

Mia Ahmed Haji Sulleman Darwesh and others ..... Plaintiffs

versus

Haji Ebrahim Haji Sulleman Darwesh ..... Defendant.

This was a suit filed by the plaintiffs for specific performance of an agreement entered into between themselves and the defendant and for an order directing the defendant to execute a release and indemnity in favour of the plaintiffs.

The facts of the case are that the plaintiffs and the defendant were carrying on business in partnership as timber merchants in Bombay until 28th February 1939 when by mutual consent the defendant retired from the partnership. At the date of the dissolution, the assets of the partnership consisted of immovable and movable properties, cash and outstandings of the value of about rupees fifteen lacs, as against some debts due by the partnership. Under the terms of dissolution, the defendant was given, among other things, two immovable properties situate on Municipal Plots Nos. 52 and 115A, Nawroji Hill Estate, Bombay, the leases in respect of which had yet to be executed by the Bombay Municipality. It was agreed that the plaintiffs should ask the Municipality to give the leases direct in favour of the defendant. The Municipality in due course prepared drafts of the said leases and the defendant made certain alterations in the said drafts which were not acceptable to the Municipality.

The plaintiffs thereupon called the defendant to execute a release and indemnity in their favour, but the defendant contended that he was not bound to execute the release and indemnity unless and until the Municipality executed the leases in his favour embodying the alterations made by him. The result was the present suit.

In his written statement and counter-claim, the defendant took up the above defence and also made a counter-claim, praying among other things, that the plaintiffs might be ordered to procure from the Municipality the leases in respect of the two properties allotted to him and embodying the alterations made by him.

In giving judgment, His Lordship stated that the plaintiffs had done all that they were required to do under the agreement and that they could not be blamed, if the Municipality did not accept the alterations made by the defendant as a result of which, the execution of the leases in favour of the defendant was being delayed. His Lordship decreed the Plaintiffs' suit and the defendant's counter-claim was dismissed The defendant was ordered to pay the plaintiffs' costs of the suit and of the counterclaim.

The Advocate General Mr. M. C. Setalwad with Mr G. R. Khairaz, Mr. P. B Vachha and Mr. N. P. Engineer instructed by Messrs. Dorab & Co; appeared for the plaintiffs. Mr. M. V. Desai with Mr. C. K. Daphtary instructed by Messrs. Mulla & Mulla appeared for the defendant.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops. 5 Vilayat Husain. 5-15 Zohra Jan. 5-30 Mehboob Jan. 6-00 Mohammad Rafi. 6-25 Bhajan Aur Naat. 6-45 Raftar-e-Zamana. 7 Ghalib Aur Iqbal. 7-15 For villagers only. 8 War inquiry. 8-15 Mehboob Jan. 8-30 It has happened. 8-35 Mohammad Rafi. 8-45 Master Madan. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Vilayat Husain. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Symbols of the Soil. 2.

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Instrumental variety. 7-50 News in English. 8 News in Hindustani. 8-10 Your favourites. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Kalyani. 9-30 Shamabai. 11 Naghma-i-Nauroz. 11-15 The Parsi Garba party. 11-30 Master Vasant Amrit. 11-50 Jaltarang and Violin. 12 noon. Kalyani. 12-25 p.m. Shamabai. 12-45 Film Tunes. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Ardeshir Kotwal. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2. § Tomorrow, 5-5 to 5-41. As in Delhi 2. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 to 6 As in Delhi 2. 6 News in English. 6-10 News in Hindustani. 6-20 Local news and announcements. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Children's half-hour. 7 Indian recorded music. 7-15 to 8 As in Delhi 2. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Dhol-ka-Pol. 8-45 Dot and Dash. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Master Vasant Amrit. 10-15 Kalyani. 10-30 Shamabai.

Bombay II—Programme.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Bhavgeeta. 8 Sarangi recital. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Master Vasant Amrit. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1. 11 to 1-35 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 1-35 to 3 As in Delhi 2.

5 to 7-15 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 to 10-45 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

EXHIBITION AND SALE OF INDIGENOUS ARTICLES

Splendid Opportunity For Buying Household Articles

An attractive exhibition sale of varieties of household articles mill cloth, hosiery, towels, toilet goods, tea, etc., prepared by the various industrial and other institutions of our city has been arranged at Gresham Buildings close to Hornby Road, Fountain bus stand from the 25th to 30th instant, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The object of this exhibition is to give publicity to, and to encourage sales of different indigenous articles and handicrafts made in our country. The exhibition is open to the general public free of charge to give them the opportunity to buy articles at cheaper rates direct from the producers. The organisers of this show deserve every success.

3 ARTS GRAND MUSICAL SOCIAL: On Sunday, 22nd March, at 4-30 p. m. at Greens, to meet the Mme. and the Misses Wong, and the other guests from Singapore Miss Wong will give a talk, Agha Ashraf Kazimi will speak on the Miracle Cures, and display the marvellous recipes, Adeel, the noted classical singer will sing songs, Norman Miranda and his Trio will perform on accordion, violin and piano, Mr Soli Petit will play his own compositions accompanied by his group of artistes, among other items, Fantastic Exhibition items of dancing by Miss Joyce Patrik."

HINDUSTAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION: All Scoutmasters, Rovers, Senior Scouts Girl Scouts of the Bombay Municipal Scout Association, of the District Associations of North, South and Suburbs, are required to be present at a Rally to be held at the Gilder Tank Bombay Municipal Schools Committee's Building, Bombay 7, in full uniform on Sunday, the 22nd instant at 9 a.m. (S.T.), when the Provincial Commissioner, Prof. V. G. Rao, will explain to them the various ways in which scouts can effectively make themselves useful for relief work during these times of emergency.

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BEGGAR PROBLEM CONFERENCE: The Federation of Social Welfare Associations is organising a conference of Social Welfare Associations to discuss Beggar Problem. It will be held on 25th and 26th April, at Blavatsky Hall. Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta will preside. Papers on the subject will be submitted by (1) Tata Graduates' School of Social Workers, (2) Bombay Presidency Women's Council, (3) Dr. J. F. Bulsara (Deputy Municipal Commissioner), (4) Miss B. Budden (Magistrate Juvenile Court), (5) Mrs. Bapsey Sabavala and (6) Mr. J. Bamabas (Social Service League, Lucknow). Welfare Institutions desiring to send delegates to the Conference, and those who want to participate as private delegates, may for further particulars communicate to Miss P. N. Nariman, Hon. Secretary, 207, Bazar Gate Street, Fort, Bombay.

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LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 4, 1998
Muslim: Rabi-ul Avval 3, 1361
Parsi: Meher 18, 1311
Sunrise: 6-44 a.m. Sunset: 6-48 p.m.
Hightide: 2-13, 14-54. Lowtide: 8-15, 20-30
MONDAY, March 23
Corporation meeting, 3 p.m. (B.T.).
FRIDAY, March 27
Standing Committee, 3 p.m. (B.T.).

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45, and 9 p.m. Matinee on Sunday and Thursday at 11 a.m.
NEW WEST-END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
REGAL—"Down Argentine Way" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SUPER—"The Jungle Princess" 4-30, 7-15 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Great Guns" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
METRO—"Two Faced Woman" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30, 5-45, 8-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 11-15 a.m.
NOVELTY—"Paisa" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Raja Rani" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
PALACE—"It Started With Eve" 4 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Gharki Laj" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30
HIND-MATA—"Chandan" 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
MINERVA—"Taj Mahal" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Kasauti" 4-15 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9 p.m. Matinee on Sunday at 12 noon.
PRAKASH—"Sant Tulsidas" 1, 3-45, 6-30 and 9-15 p.m.
AURORA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—The Percy Athos Follies 6-15 and 9-15 p.m. To-day at 3 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Khilauna" 3, 6 and 9

ALL-INDIA POSTAL & R.M.S. UNION: The Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs has kindly consented to receive a deputation of the All-India Postal and R.M.S. Union on the 24th March. Vital problems facing the Union such as the withdrawal of the ban on the Calcutta R.M.S. Union, grant of dearness allowance, grievances of new entrants, A.R.P. measures etc., will come up for discussion.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS: The Jt Hon. Secretary writes:—All the members and the recruits who are in 'A' Ward are required to be present in the 'A' Ward office to-day (Saturday) to go to different localities to enrol members for P.V.B. All the members and the recruits are required to be present in mufti at the Congress House to-morrow (Sunday) at 7 a.m. sharp to attend parade. First Managing Committee meeting of the B. N. G. will be held to-day (Saturday) at 7 p.m. sharp at B. N. G.'s office. Committee members are requested to be present.

BEGGAR PROBLEM CONFERENCE: The Federation of Social Welfare Associations is organising a conference of Social Welfare Associations to discuss Beggar Problem. It will be held on 25th and 26th April, at Blavatsky Hall. Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta will preside. Papers on the subject will be submitted by (1) Tata Graduates' School of Social Workers, (2) Bombay Presidency Women's Council, (3) Dr. J. F. Bulsara (Deputy Municipal Commissioner), (4) Miss B. Budden (Magistrate Juvenile Court), (5) Mrs. Bapsey Sabavala and (6) Mr. J. Bamabas (Social Service League, Lucknow). Welfare Institutions desiring to send delegates to the Conference, and those who want to participate as private delegates, may for further particulars communicate to Miss P. N. Nariman, Hon. Secretary, 207, Bazar Gate Street, Fort, Bombay.

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VILAYAT HUSSAIN KHAN'S CONCERT: Vilayat Hussain Khan will give a concert of vocal music on Sunday at 4 p.m. at Laxmi Baug, New Bhatwadi.

SHAKTI YOGASHRAM: The annual gathering of the Shakti Yogashram will be held to-day at 4-30 p.m. at the hall of the Yogashram, Chikkal House, Princess Street.

SOCIAL WORKERS' SOCIETY: For visiting Kherwadi the members of the Society will meet to-day (Sunday) at 9-45 a.m. at Bandra Station Platform No. 1.

MARATHA EDUCATION CONFERENCE: A meeting of the Reception Committee of the 27th session of the All-India Maratha Educational Conference will be held in the Bombay Education League, Thakurdwar, today (Saturday) at 6 p.m.

ALL-INDIA MANUFACTURERS' CONFERENCE: The second session of the All-India Manufacturers' Conference will be held on Saturday and Sunday, the 21st and 22nd instant at 9 a.m. (S.T.) at Lokamanya Tilak Smarak Mandir Tilak Road, Poona, under the presidentship of Sir M. Visvesvaraya.

SOCIAL REFORM: That "Social Reform Should Precede Political Reform" will be the subject of a public debate in Urdu in the Muslim Students' Union Hall, Court House to-day (Saturday) at 10-30 a.m. Mr. M. I. Siddiqui will propose and Mr. Laceq Sabzwari will oppose.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: A special meeting to celebrate the anniversary of the passing of W. Q. Judge will be held on Sunday at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain.

WORLI YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION: Under the auspices of the Worli Young Men's Association, a meeting will be held in the Association premises, Worli, at 8 p.m. to-day (Saturday). Mr. M. Natarajan will speak on "War and India", and Dr. Palkar will preside.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LTD.: The Manager of National Bank of India, Ltd., writes:—We have received the following telegram from our head office in London: "Directors declared interim dividend half-year to 31st December, 1941, 12 per cent per annum less income-tax, payable 16th April making 14 per cent for year 1941."

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: Telegrams from Calcutta for (1) Agra and the areas served by that office and for (2) the Punjab and North-Western Frontier Province are subject to delay, due to imperfect communications.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE, MATUNGA: 1. N. S. Pardasani, Esq., will deliver a lecture on "Incendiary Bomb Control" at 9 p.m. in Ramnarain Ruia College to-day. 2. Dr. G. V. Dandekar will deliver the third lecture on 'First-Aid to the Injured' at 9 p.m. in Ramnarain Ruia College, to-day.

MESSAGE OF SRI KRISHNA-UDDHAVA: Swami Gaureswarananda will give a religious discourse in Hindi on "The Last Message of Sri Krishna and Uddhava" today (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. at Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, 64, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar (B.B. & C. I. Railway).

FREE HINDI CLASSES: Free Hindi Classes according to the curriculum of the Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Samiti will be held on Sundays in the premises of the Young Men's Hindu Association, Vithalbhai Patel Road, from 7-30 a.m. to 9-30 a.m. New students will be admitted to-morrow (Sunday) from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

THIRD KONKANI CONFERENCE: Under the auspices of the propaganda committee of the third Konkani Conference, a public meeting of the Konkani-speaking citizens of Bombay will be held in the hall of the Instituto Luso-Indiano, Burrows Lane, Dabul (Dabul Church Lane), Bombay to-morrow (Sunday) at 6-15 p.m. Dr. Jos. Alban DeSouza will preside and Messrs. Joachim Alva, Dinkar Desai, Lobo, R. N. Naik, J. B. Pinto and others will address.

BOMBAY FORWARD BLOC: Under the joint auspices of Bombay Provincial Forward Bloc and Bombay Student Union, a public meeting was held at Chowpatty on Thursday last, to observe Anti-Compromise Day under the presidentship of Mr. M. L. Shah.

Resolutions were passed, protesting against the arrest of Sardar Sardul Singh Kavishwar, President of All-India Forward Bloc, and demanding release of Sjt. Gopalan. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Pratap, Gaurishanker and Madhukar Vyas.

KATHIAWAR MILL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION: As a result of efforts of Seth Ratilal Vardhman, the Kanti Cotton Mills Wadhwan, a preliminary meeting of the Millowners of Kathiawar was held at Bhavnagar on the 16th instant. Millowners from Wadhwan, Morvi, Porbandar and Bhavnagar were present. It was unanimously agreed to start the above Association and locate its office at Bhavnagar. Seth Shantilal Mangaldas was elected first president and Seth Bhogilal Maganlal first Vice-President.

NAVROZ GATHERINGS AT FASALI ATASH-KADEH: Navroz festival will be observed at the Petit Fasali Atash-Kadeh today (Saturday). At 9 a.m. Jashan for the second anniversary of the Atash-Kadeh will be performed. At 10 a.m. the annual gathering of the Irani Zarathosti Anjuman will be held. At 11 a.m. Cama's portrait-unveiling ceremony will be held and at 5 p.m. special Jashan and Prayer for Peace in the world and at 6 p.m. Dasturji Bode will deliver a public lecture on "Navroz—New Cycle—New World Order".

JAMSHEDI NAVROZ CELEBRATION: Under the auspices of the Rathestar Mandal, the Parsis will celebrate their Jamshedi Navroz to-day (Saturday) at the Minerva Cinema, Lamington Road at 10 a.m. (S.T.) when will be given sacred songs followed by speeches by Khan Bahadur Jal D. Kanga and Mr. M. R. Wadia. Mr. Gustasp P. Antia will preside. The programme includes a free cinema show on educational subjects.

CAMA'S PORTRAIT UNVEILING CEREMONY: To-day (Saturday) a special gathering will be held at the Petit Fasali Atash-Kadeh (New Marine Lines) at 11 a.m. (S.T.) when Sir Hormuzdiyar P. Dastur, will unveil an oil-paint portrait of the late Seth Meherwanji M. Cama who was a pioneer and staunch supporter of the Fasali Dini Sal Movement and who gave away princely sum in charity.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT: That "Women Should Be Given Fifty Per Cent Representation in Future Democratic Parliaments of the World" will be the subject of a public debate in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-15 p.m. Miss Vimal B. Sashital will preside. Mr. Adam Adil will propose. Mr. L. B. Sambari will oppose.

AHIMSAK VIYAYAM SANGH.—The summer class of this year will be held at Malad in May. The class will be conducted in two sections. Forms of application can be had from the Secretary Ahimsak Viyayam Sangh, Malad, Bombay, at a price of one anna per form.

Mayor's Party To Governor

Dr. J. A. Collaco, the Mayor gave a Tea Party to Sir Roger Lumley, the Governor, in the Corporation Hall, on Friday afternoon. The hall was packed with guests, among whom were also past Mayors and past Presidents of the Municipal Corporation, Hon. Sir J Beaumont, Chief Justice, Mr Indranarayan Brijmohanlal, Chief Judge, Sir Shantidas Askuran Mon. Marcel Goose, Consul of Belgium, Archbishop of Bombay, Bishop of Bombay, Senor Don. Conzalo, Consul of Spain, Sir M. B. Nanavaty, Mr. El Kony, Consul of Egypt, Mr. M. R. A. Baig, Hon Sir S. C. Mitha, Sir R. M. Chinoy, Dr. E. Banasinski, Consul of Poland, and Tewfik-as-Seadoun, Consul of Iraq.

After refreshments, the Mayor took round the Governor and introduced him to the guests individually. The Governor chatted with the Municipal Commissioner and other high officials of the Bombay Municipality when they were introduced to them.

Eastern Bank, Ltd.

As presentation 1941 Accounts is delayed owing to late arrivals of mails, the Directors declare a second interim dividend of two shillings and six pence per share, less income-tax, at ten shillings per £, payable on 31st March. The Transfer Books will be closed from March 25th to March 31st inclusive. This dividend makes the total paid for the year equivalent to 4 1/2 per cent, and the Directors do not intend to recommend a further dividend for 1941.

"RAST RAHBAR"

The Navroz number of "Rast Rahbar," the weekly organ of Parsis of radical views in social and religious matters of Parsis contains varied articles on the burning problems of the Parsis. It is dedicated to Sir Homi Mehta, who receives a meed of praise for his manifold public activities. The number is artistically got up and contains articles, among others, from Dasturji F. A. Bode, Col. M. S. Irani, Erved Dr. J. M. Unwala and Messrs P. D. Mahaluxmiwala, S. H. Katrak, K. J. B. Wadia, J B. Petit, R. K. Karanjia, Profs I. J. S. Taraporewala and A. S. Wadia Dr. S. J. Bulsara, also a beautiful poem from the poet Ardeshar F. Khabardar.

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THE CRIPPS MISSION

It may be persumed from the invitations to various leaders on behalf of Sir Stafford Cripps that he will arrive in India early next week and that interviews with the leaders will commence almost immediately thereafter. Invitations have been issued to the Presidents of the principal political organisations, namely, the Congress, the Muslim League, and the Hindu Mahasabha, several independent leaders like Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Dr. M. R. Jayakar, Dr. Ambedkar, Mr. N. M. Joshi and Mr. M. C. Rajjah, and all the Provincial Premiers. The exact procedure for the interviews or conference is not yet known. It will probably be decided upon in consultation with the Presidents of the main political bodies. One can assume, however, that the procedure will be such as will not accentuate the communal and other differences in the country. One can also assume that as a representative of the British Government Sir Stafford may be slow to concede more than may be necessary to ensure popular co-operation in the conduct of the war.

Freedom, Main Concern

The Congress Working Committee, which met at Wardha this week, must have seriously considered various possibilities about Sir Stafford's mission but was doubtless handicapped in its deliberations by the absence of any definite proposals on behalf of Government. But certain features of the Congress attitude are a foregone conclusion. While to Government the main consideration is maximum help from the people in carrying out a war policy laid down by them to the Congress the main consideration is the freedom of the country, its war policy having to be laid down by a free Government. Congress may be trusted to be very accommodating in the distribution of power among the Indian elements concerned. But it cannot compromise its demand for complete and real freedom, particularly freedom in the defence of the country. Communal bodies like the League and the Mahasabha are interested mostly in the communal share of whatever power is transferred to the country. To the Congress the distribution of power is a subsidiary question. Its main concern is to secure complete freedom for the country.

Need For Unity

The Congress can achieve it objective immediately and fully if there is a substantial measure of unity behind its demand. The chief obstable in the way is the absence of any agreement between the Congress and the League. Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan feels hopeful about an early agreement. We do not know if he is indulging in wishful thinking. We have said that, so long as the country's freedom and integrity are ensured, the Congress will and should be generous towards the claims of the minority. It will be particularly so during the period of the war. Another possible obstacle in the way to freedom is the attitude of the Princes. At the last meeting of the Princes' Chamber both the Chancellor, the Jamsaheb and the Maharajah of Bikaner stated that they would whole-heartedly help in securing freedom to India. But they subjected the freedom to their own privileges and rights conferred upon them by the old treaties with them. If the treaties are not suitably revised, it means the perpetuation of the Princes' autocracy. This means the virtual denial of freedom to the States people, a position which Congress cannot countenance. However, free India may be trusted under the new Constitution and the new Treaties with the Princes, to safeguard the legitimate rights of the Princes as constitutional Rulers, without prejudice to the equally legitimate rights of the people who pay the State taxes. The Rulers of the larger States may rest assured that their status under the new Constitution will not be, within the limits of their States, lower than that of a Constitutional Ruler, in effect it will be much better if they work for their people's rights as well as their own.

Interesting Appointment

The appointment of Mr. R. G. Casey, the Australian Minister in Washington, as British Minister of State in Cairo with, automatically, a permanent seat as a British, and not Australian Minister on the War Cabinet will greatly interest students of the British Commonwealth of Nations and of the progress of the present war. Mr. Churchill is slightly wrong. There is, we believe, no precedent of any "Empire Minister" with a seat in the Legislature of his own country holding Ministerial office in the British Government as a representative of Britain. During the last war when Mr. Lloyd George came to power in 1916, he summoned an Imperial Cabinet. Mr. Casey's appointment is an entirely new constitutional development and is as remarkable as, for instance, Mr. Churchill's grudging and theoretical admission that India deserves a status higher than what he had planned for her a few years ago. It would be interesting to see how this appointment influences the future shape of relations between Great Britain and her present Dominions. There is, however, one aspect of this development which is of direct and immediate concern to "dependencies" and "colonies". Does it not indicate a tendency towards joint Britain-Dominions domination over and exploitation of them?

But under what stress of war circumstances has Mr. Churchill been forced to accept Mr. Casey at Cairo? There are, perhaps, three factors that are together responsible for it. The presence of Australian land and air forces in the Middle East, the growth of a certain amount of misunderstanding between Australia and England and the rapidly increasing dominance of the United States over Britain and the British Commonwealth. Anglo-Australian relations have for a long time not been of the best, particularly since the agitation for Australian representation on the War Cabinet, and what is the present nature of these relations is brought into prominent relief by the publication of the correspondence between Mr. Churchill and the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, and the White Paper issued by the latter. Moreover, there has been some difficulty in the Middle East. Mr. Casey's appointment is intended not only to remove that local difficulty but also to re-establish happy relations between Australia and Britain. Finally, since the U. S. A. is also vitally interested in the Middle East, the appointment would cause great satisfaction in Washington which knows Mr. Casey and has confidence in him. Indeed, it would not be surprising if Mr. Casey was actually nominated by President Roosevelt.

Women Workers' Training

The Women Workers' Training Camp of the All-India Women's Conference, which was opened on Friday at Abrama, marks an important landmark in the women's movement in this country. For sixteen years the All-India Women's Conference has laboured to present the women's case and has agitated for legal rights. It has done much useful work and has had to its credit notable achievements in several directions. But for the most part the Conference has remained a movement from the top and has not appreciably affected the vast masses of women. It is, therefore, heartening that the slow change that was creeping in in its conceptions and attitudes has now begun to take concrete expression. The Women Workers' Training Camp, we believe, is symptomatic of that change. Leadership of a movement depends on the effective service its workers can render to the people. It is a distressing fact that the number of such trained workers in our national life is not large. Much smaller is the number of those who devote themselves entirely to their work. "Social work", as Mrs. Hansa Mehta said at the opening of the camp, "in this country to a large extent has been so far done by persons who have leisure and money. The ladies 'bountiful' take it up as a pastime to shower their patronage on the less fortunate ones of the earth." To be effective those engaged in social work, as in any work of importance, must have a clear grasp of the nature of the problems to be tackled and the equipment and knowledge properly to tackle them. The Women Workers' Training Camp seeks to provide these. Naturally, therefore, the Camp has attracted nation-wide attention and many messages of encouragement and support have gone to its organisers. The fact that those who take the training in the Camp are, for the most part, permanent whole-time workers invests it with unusual interest and its success will lead to further efforts towards systematic and sustained service in the social and other spheres of national service.

Frankly Speaking

Chatfield's Assurance

Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Chatfield, who ought to know what he is talking about, has predicted that Britain would restore her sea position in the Pacific "much sooner than the ordinary man imagined." And he deliberately emphasises that "this is not wishful thinking." If, as one wishes to think, he is right, this is good news. But what does "much sooner" actually mean? From the speeches and writings of knowledgeable Ministers and experts on the tragedy of the "Prince of Wales" and the "Repulse" the ordinary man imagined that the position would be restored sometime in the later half of 1942. Does he imply that within the next two or three months Britain's Far Eastern fleet—its zone of operation, owing both to an arrangement with America and the loss of Singapore, is now the Indian Ocean and not the Pacific—will be as strong as it was in the first week of December last? If so, one may expect a definite turning of the tide much sooner than has been imagined. But the condition, of course, is that in the meantime the process of restoration has progressed sufficiently to hold Ceylon.

A Present To Maxwell

The "Daily Mirror, one of the Rothermere group of newspapers, has received a warning from the sensitive Home Secretary of Britain and reminded of his power to suppress a newspaper which, in his opinion, "systematically published matter calculated to foment opposition to the war effort." We are glad to note that this warning has in its turn evoked warnings and protests from all sections of the British Press. And it is particularly gratifying that the lead in championing free expression of opinion and independence of the Press is taken by the London "Times" itself. We want to add nothing to the comments of the British Press except to say that we make a present of them to Sir Reginald Maxwell and his Provincial subordinates.

Central Bank Of India

The financial position of the Central Bank of India, as disclosed by its Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 1941, is such as may be envied by any Bank in the country or abroad. Despite the present difficulties in employing funds profitably and safely, the Bank has made a huge net profit of over Rs. 49 lakhs, the highest figure reached since its inception thirty-one years ago. The aggregate total of deposits shows an increase of over Rs. 8 crores and 80 lacs, as compared with the previous year. This is but one token of the people's confidence in the Bank. The Bank was founded by Sir Pherozeshah Mehta with the object, among others, to demonstrate that Indians can efficiently manage any institution. Indians' confidence and capacity have grown since then, and Mr. Haridas Madhavdas, who presided over the annual meeting, could with confidence urge Government "to give India that position in the world which will clothe her with complete powers to manage her own affairs".

His Second Nature

Misrepresentation seems to have by now become a second nature with Mr. Amery. He indulges in it even when it is not necessary. Justifying the continued imprisonment of political prisoners he said in the House of Commons: "I doubt whether the situation in India would be improved by the release of persons who have attempted by violent methods to oppose the war effort or to compass the overthrow of the existing basis of society." So far as the untried prisoners are concerned this ranting does not prove their guilt so long as it is unproved in a Court of Law. Their release is a duty as a measure of elementary justice and should not be conditional on the possible improvement of the situation according to the expectation of a man like Mr. Amery.

Racial Arrogance

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—I am deeply pained to read in your "Sunday Chronicle" of the 15th inst., of an incident that took place in Allahabad.

It is reported that when Mr. Khera, Director of Industries, entered a First Class railway compartment, an European officer of the Central Government forcibly drove Mr. Khera out, and kicked him

Sometime back a similar incident took place in the C.P. when one Mr. Forbes was guilty of almost this kind of shocking behaviour towards Mr. Trived, the Chief Secretary.

Such incidents bring out a shocking state of conceit, and a virulent form of colour bar.

I suggest it is not enough that the guilty party should be made to apologise or pay a nominal fine.

On the contrary the punishment should be of a nature that would definitely make such incidents a matter of the past.

I am sorry if I seem bitter, but if I had the privilege of handling this matter, I would have this European officer dismissed from the Central Government.—Yours, etc.,

HOMI SORABJI BANAJI.

A Nation Rebuilds

Spear-Head Of A New China

By Vaikunth L. Mehta

II

The part of the Chinese Industrial Co-operative Association in the movement of industrial co-operation is the same as, for instance, that of the Irish Agricultural Organization Society in the promotion of co-operation in Ireland—to draw up plans to carry on propaganda, to make loans for the purchase of raw materials and machine tools, to carry on scientific research, to provide technical assistance and, generally, to raise the quality of production and to assist in the marketing of the products. For the purposes of its operations, the Association has divided Free China into seven regions. Each of the regional headquarters keeps in touch with the central administration in Chungking and each has established a training school which co-ordinating workers attend in relays. Each school includes a model co-operative unit. A society can be started with a minimum membership of seven, but the average membership is a little over 20. Very small sums are involved in the transactions and a sum of 50 is sufficient to finance a shop for making garments or surgical goods, dol. 100 for a candle-making unit, and dol. 200 for a cotton weaving unit. Industry is spread in a chain throughout the country, one linked up with the other. This gives the worker a sense of importance and makes him realize that his work means something for the country. He feels he has a contribution to make to the national effort, thus cutting down provincialism.

Government Support

From the outset, the Chinese Government has appreciated the necessity of supporting the movement. When it was initiated, Government allowed to the Chinese Industrial Co-operative Association a monthly subsidy for administrative expenses, accompanied by a capital grant. During the first three years of working, the capital grants made amounted to dol. 11,000,000. Funds have also been derived from foreign sympathisers of the movement. The amount of the overseas contributions, received through an International Committee associated with the Chinese Industrial Co-operative organization 3 is estimated to have amounted to 1.2 million Chinese dollars. The total paid up capital is over dol. 500,000. The total number of societies organized under the scheme according to "Co-operative Information" was shown in September, 1941, to be 2,233 with a membership of 82,500. The co-operatives are estimated to produce goods worth dol. 20 millions. The production covers 120 different trades, grouped roughly as under:—

Textiles 39 p.c., chemicals 13 p.c., mining 8 p.c., food-stuffs 6 p.c., pottery 5 p.c., engineering 3 p.c., miscellaneous (including transport) 26 p.c. It includes such varied items as blankets, towels, cotton cloth, silk goods, hosiery, leather goods, flour, soap, candles, medical supplies, paper, pottery, glass, dry cells for batteries, boats, matches, tooth paste, printing presses, looms for textiles, cigarettes, artificial limbs etc. The co-operative units are also engaged in mining coal, iron, gold, wolfram and asbestos, and in carrying such other activities in printing and in the running of oil presses, power plants, foundries as well as in transport services.

Creditable as are the actual achievements, what evokes our admiration is the strength of purpose and the devotion to duty that has inspired those in charge of the movement. With a clear grasp of the fundamentals, no detail of the task has been too small for them to attend to; at the same time, they have never lost sight of the fact that what they aim at is not building in a hurry for the immediate need but building on substantial foundations for the future. Speaking in July 1940, Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan and also President of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives, observed: "The cottage must be our factory.....But Chinese industrial co-operatives are not merely a wartime organization.....In the past China has had insufficient technical skill, insufficient powers of concentration and insufficient organization. Chinese Industrial Co-operatives have a great contribution to make the nation in these three fields".

Family System Transferred To Industry

A common defect of co-operative organization in the west is their tendency to function as business undertakings, employing hired labour. Under the constitution of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives, it has been prescribed that hired labour shall receive the same share of the annual net profits as do the members, provided they apply for membership. The goal being clearly set before those who participate in the organization, it is obvious that the co-operatives can provide no opportunity for amassing fortunes. Those who join are asked, instead, to face hardship with fortitude and to overcome difficulties with patience and endurance. Every member of the Chinese Industrial Co-operative lives entirely by his work and the running of the co-operatives is left to the men themselves. The Chinese Industrial Co-operative is both a business and a movement; it is described as the family system transferred to industry, and, being so, it will, it is averred, probably stay and supplement the big State industry after the war.

Emphasis On Technical Improvement

The second phase of the development is notable for the emphasis laid on technical and business training. The introduction of technical improvements, it is urged, is essential to enable the units to become thoroughly self-supporting before peace time economic conditions are restored. At the same time, the need is felt for the creation within the societies of a strong co-operative spirit to enable them to work together energetically and to hold together even in the face of rapid change. To meet this two-fold requirement, the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives have established an educational institution with three main departments: industrial; business and economic; co-operative organization and training.

The value of improvements in technique was appreciated even in the early stages of the movement. Most of the co-operatives began to work in the most primitive fashion, it is admitted, in order to meet the immediate need for putting war refugees to work, and also for supporting the urgent demand of the local market. Next came the problem of maintaining the institutions in a sound condition and achieving technical improvements. Without technical progress, it is realised, it will not be possible to keep the institutions on a sound and firm economic basis. Unless research work is carried out to improve the standard of goods of these industrial co-operatives, their products will, it is feared, find it hard to stand before the dumping of foreign commodities. Research laboratories were, therefore, started in the early stages with the primary object of finding means and ways of utilizing the raw materials of the locality for manufacturing various articles, particularly those in urgent demand. The laboratories are also expected to turn out simple test laboratory equipment, such as balances, crucibles indicators, distillation apparatus and the like. All the time, the mechanical laboratories have before them the idea of improvement and not the absolute discarding of the old methods and the adaptation of the old tools to simple patterns and not their abandonment. Much improvement has already been achieved in the technique of cotton spinning and weaving, and a spinning machine of the foot-treadle type has been designed and introduced. Among other articles turned out by these laboratories is caustic soda on a commercial scale while the manufacture of ink from local materials has also been taken in hand. Wool-spinning and weaving, paper-making, leather tanning, iron-smelting; improvements, in these directions are part of the planned programme. It is of particular interest for us in India to know that a co-operatively run alcohol plant has been set up, which produces daily 350 gallons of 98 per cent pure alcohol from 'Kaoliang' grain, corn and potatoes and that mixed with petrol in a 70-30 mixture it forms a cheap motor fuel.

Women's Part

As may be expected, in view of the active interest taken in the movement by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives have as members women as well as men. In 1939, a women's work department was created as an adjunct to the Chinese Industrial Co-operative, and it was set afoot with a liberal endowment of dol. 20,000. The department has three sections: investigation; organization; and education. The general programme before the department is summarized as under:

(1) to stimulate women to join in the movement for resistance and reconstruction work;

(2) to train women to enter productive industries eventually as co-operatives' members;

(3) to improve their daily life and widen their mental and social horizon;

(4) to educate and care for children of all ages.

In the once backward north-west provinces, it was estimated that, in 1940, over 8,000 women and children were brought under the influence of these activities.

Corner-Stones

It is, however, not this aspect alone of the Government that has brought Madame Chiang Kai-Shek within its fold. She recognizes it as a most potent means of encouraging and assisting the distressed people of the country to apply their strength and their energy to the production of the necessities of life in such a manner that they earn their own livelihood instead of being made dependent on charity, and, at the same time, contribute their part to national resistance and reconstruction. The movement enables the effort and enthusiasm of the common man to be harnessed in the economic defence of the nation. The disrupted economic life is so reorganized, through its instrumentality, that the characteristic trait of the Chinese—the ingrained instinct, it may be said, of all mankind—not to accept charity while it can help itself, is encouraged and utilized for the good of both the individual and the nation. And this is done not by brigading people into concentration camps or herding them into work-houses but by organizing them on a voluntary basis for congenial productive endeavours. The entrusting of the organizations not to the care of bureaucrats but to the elected representatives of the production groups is another feature that evokes admiration. It is that aspect of the movement which led Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt to describe these institutions as the corner-stones on which new liberated China would be built. It is as the spear-head of a new and constructive China that the movement has attracted world-wide attention.

Towards Industrial Democracy

The leaders of the movement as well as those who have inspired it deem it as calculated to contribute substantially to the development of the Chinese war economy and to foreshadow a permanent form of industrial democracy. But the relatively small number of the existing units is a matter of some concern, as is the recent slowing down of the process of organization. The main reasons for this temporary halt in the development of the movement are summed up as: lack of capital, internal shortcomings of the movement itself: over-centralization and, to a certain extent, political control. The remedy for the internal shortcomings, it is recognized, lies in education, but educational effort of this kind necessarily demands time and patience. The survey in "Co-operative Information" concludes with the hope that the apparent halt in the quantitative growth of the movement will lead to some re-adaptation in which emphasis will be placed upon the sound conduct of regular co-operative business rather than upon general propaganda. Another estimate of the movement—in an article by Dorothy J. Orchard in "Amerasia" for November 1939—puts forward the view that too much has been claimed for the movement. It is a sound movement, its leaders are capable and sincere, but it cannot grow overnight, and it would be wrong to expect achievements in a short time. They must of necessity build slowly and from small beginnings. There are no precedents to follow, no ready-made organization with tested rules of safe procedure and proper accounting methods. There is a lack of trained promoters, a lack of skill and training among the people who must build up these societies. There is the barrier of illiteracy. There is even a lack of materials and the necessary hand tools with which to work. But there is drama in the effort; "starting with bare hands, they are building an economic structure that may be very important in the reconstruction of China. These co-operatives cannot win the war—unless the war lasts a great many years—but they can do a lot to the desperate Chinese people." As the same writer observes, "the important feature of the movement is that it gives the Chinese hemmed in in the interior a way to do for themselves. It provided a place and a means for small endeavours and the co-ordination of small enterprise for effective production. It is banner under which all can rally." In China, as in India, they had the slogan shouted from the housetops "industrialize or perish" But the way that China has adopted during the last four years of stress and strain is not the way of the industrial nations of the west or of Japan. China has brought industry to its cradle of production. It has adopted a method under which work operates as a great leveller. With vision and initiative and, above all, work, China's calamity is being turned into a source of strength, now and for the future.

Lift Racket In Bombay

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Although I am myself a landlord, I entirely approve the Government decision to put into force the Bombay Lift Act and compel landlords to carry out heavy alterations and innovations involving considerable expenses in war-time—in some cases running into thousands of rupees. After all there is something to be said for "Safety First." It would, however, be well if during war-time the Government were to demand only such alterations as are absolutely essential for safety.

My real complaint is against the vagaries, incompetence and arbitrary ways of that section of the P.W.D. which is entrusted with this work; and, secondly, against the unchecked profiteering of lift companies in Bombay. Let me give a couple of concrete instances: (1) While the police and the military are anxious to enforce a total black-out in Bombay the public will be surprised to learn that the Government Lift Department insists that a light should be left burning in every lift without exception during all the hours of day and night. The idea is to train the public that one should not enter a lift unless there is a light. There would be some sense in this, if the presence of the light had in itself been some sort of a guarantee of the safe working of the lift. But there is no earthly connection between the electric lamp and the operative machinery of the lift.

I admit that there are some lifts in Bombay placed in such badly lighted portions of the house as to necessitate a light even in daytime. But the Government Department makes no exception and demands that there shall be a light day and night even where the lift enclosure has walls of glass and is abundantly lighted during daytimes.

Nowhere else in the world have I seen this almost religious insistance on having an eternal lamp in a lift even in daytime. Are people in this Government Department suffering from some psychological complex?

For the landlords, it would have been well if the Government Lift Department had demanded a permanent light right from the first. But in the beginning, they gave the landlords an option that there should either be a permanent light or the light should be lit when any landing gate is opened. Those landlords who accepted the second alternative and introduced in their lifts the necessary costly device for the purpose, have now reason to regret their decision. For, they are now called upon to have in addition another permanent light in the lift.

(2) Let me give another instance of this Government Department changing its mind and methods involving the landlords in unnecessary and avoidable expense. At first the Government Department insisted that the open spaces in the collapsible gates should be reduced by putting in additional vertical steel bars and that steel plates should be fixed so that the locking device could not be touched from the landing side. To meet this demand the lifts had to be stopped for several weeks, the gates dismantled and the additions carried out at considerable cost, when steel prices were rising sky high.

When the whole job was finished, the Government Lift Department now comes forward with an entirely fresh demand that the locks should be fixed in a reverse order. This is not as simple as it sounds, in as much as it will again involve the dismantling of the gates, etc., etc.

What in God's name prevented these highly paid officers from making this suggestion when they carefully examined each lift and submitted their detailed and exhaustive requirements, clause by clause, which came to several typed sheets? Evidently this is a belated brain-wave, for which not only have the landlords to suffer, but the tenants and the public also will be put to unnecessary inconvenience I understand that at present more than fifty lifts in Bombay are closed under Government orders.

In view of such vagaries of the Government Department it would be interesting to know the precise qualifications and the previous experience in this line of the personnel of this department. I am open to correction. But it is alleged that one of the recent lift accidents occurred after the particular lift had been examined. What we want in this Department is not somebody who knows something about electricity, but one who has had first-hand acquaintance with the working of lifts in advanced countries of the West and from whom one can expect real efficiency and not mere bureaucratic fussiness.

Now let me turn to the profiteering by the lift companies, to whom the Bombay Lift Act has come as a Godsend at a time when they could not import new lifts and their usual business had come to a stand-still. But the Bombay Lift Act very obligingly provides a clause making it compulsory for every landlord to enter into a permanent contract for the usual maintenance service, etc., with that lift company alone from whom he bought the lift. The landlord cannot engage the services of any other engineer, however qualified.

When the Government was so pleased to confer an exclusive monopoly on these lift companies, was it not fair that the Government should have seen that these lift companies had carried out their work properly when they installed the lifts? Now, the landlords are called upon to carry out work which was neglected by these companies in the first instance and now the landlords have to pay twice over to the same companies for the same piece of work.

Secondly, to carry out the new detailed and technical requirements of the Act, the landlords have naturally to turn to these very lift companies. And some of them, believe me, are making hay while the sun shines. Even the Government officials are astounded at the rapacity of some of

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TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

NEW DELHI, March 20:—Mr. M A. Jinnah has received an invitation from the Private Secretary to the Viceroy to arrange for representatives of the Muslim League to see Sir Stafford Cripps at Delhi on a near date after March 25. Replying through his Private Secretary, Mr. Jinnah indicates that he will be glad to meet Sir Stafford on arrival in Delhi and adds that the question of procedure and other details may be arranged after he is apprised of the British Government's scheme.—A.P.

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The A. P. I. reports that the Muslim League Working Committee will meet at New Delhi beginning from March 27. Mr. M. A. Jinnah will preside.

Must he have a chorus of "Yes, Leader"?

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Says the London Correspondent of the "Times of India": "Congress Party propaganda always appears strong in the London papers, while the Muslim League seems to do nothing on the same lines."

We quite appreciate his grievance, and agonising anxiety.

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The "New York Times" sympathises with those whose task is to invite the people of India for defence and for future freedom.

The difficulty is that the journal is thinking of British statesmen.

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By the way the 'New York Times' article is on the "Princes of India" and its sympathetic words open with "Poor India."

We are glad that the paper has understood at least one Indian paradox.

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The Australian Minister in Washington, Mr. R. G. Casey, has been appointed British Minister of State in Cairo with a seat on Churchill's War Cabinet.

We congratulate Mr Curtin and President Roosevelt

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Herr von Papen has left Ankara for the Fuhrer's Headquarters despite doctors' orders.

We are, however glad to know that Turkey's doctors have called up a further class of conscripts on Wednesday next

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Axis activities are reported to have died down for the time being in Libya.

But why don't the British enliven the proceedings?

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According to "Annalist" the Russian offensive seems to be "on the point" of yielding big dividends.

This is only too tantalisingly true.

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According to a Tokyo report General Tojo emphasizes in a recent message, the importance of the defensive role of Manchukuo."

Then the Russians had better get ready

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He: "I dreamed last night that I proposed to you what is that a sign of?"

She: "It's a sign that you've got more sense when you're asleep than when you're awake."

Curtin's Cable To Churchill

Casey Never Wanted A Change

Mr. Casey's appointment as British Minister of State in Cairo, provoked Mr. Curtin, the Australian Premier to issue a White Paper to be tabled next Wednesday embodying all the communications regarding the offer "which was a complete surprise for Mr. Casey"

Mr. Curtin, replying to Mr. Churchill's cable said that he would be glad if the British Premier would talk all communications as he himself would do likewise.

CANBERRA, March 20.

In connection with Mr. Casey's appointment as British Minister of State in Cairo, the Commonwealth Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, has issued the following statement.

"On 16th March, I received word that Mr. Casey had been invited by Mr. Churchill to become the Minister of State in the Middle East with a seat in the British War Cabinet. It was intimated to me that the proposal was purely personal to Mr. Casey. I immediately cabled him saying that as the offer was purely personal, decision was entirely one between Mr. Churchill and himself. I explained that Mr. Casey could be assured that the Commonwealth Government would not stand in his way by pressing him to remain in the service of Australia."

Mr. Curtin added: "But it was pointed out to Mr. Casey that it would be a matter of difficulty and embarrassment to the Commonwealth Government to make a change in Australian diplomatic representation at Washington at this juncture. Reference was made to the fact that, apart from obvious difficulties in the present circumstances of finding persons competent and available for the appointment the Commonwealth would regard it as a serious disadvantage to Australia if at this moment it should lose the advantages of the experiences and contacts Mr. Casey had made as Minister at Washington with American Administration and public life over the past two and half years."

Mr. Curtin added: "Attention has been directed also to his own familiarity with the many urgent and weighty matters current in Australian relationships with the United States. In the most specific way I intimated to Mr. Casey that having regard to all circumstances, it was the wish of the Commonwealth Government not to make any change in Australian diplomatic representation at Washington as matters stand. I made it clear that that was our wish and not an instruction."

Contents Of Whitepaper

CANBERRA:— The Whitepaper which the Prime Minister Mr. Curtin will table in Parliament next Wednesday containing all the communications regarding Mr. Richard Casey's appointment as a member of the British War Cabinet and the Minister of State for the Middle East is revealed in Canberra to-day in summarised form. Mr. Churchill sent a cable on March 12 suggesting that he would like to appoint Mr. Casey as Minister in Cairo and asking for Mr. Curtin's advice. Mr. Curtin replied that Mr. Casey's contacts in Washington were invaluable and asking that Mr. Casey should not be approached.

Mr. Churchill in his next message said that the British Ministers and Chiefs of Staffs wanted Mr. Casey and mentioned that on his (Churchill's) American visit he spent the whole evening on the train with Mr. Casey and learned he was anxious for a change. Mr. Churchill asked Mr. Curtin to reconsider his demur, adding he would cable him the next day with President Roosevelt's proposals for the two areas. Mr. Curtin replied that he would not stand in the way of Mr. Churchill's desires, but he wanted Mr. Evatt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs and special envoy to the United States, to contact Mr. Casey.

"Complete Surprise"

Mr. Casey, Mr. Curtin said, had never intimated to him that he wanted a change. In a radio telephone call to Mr. Curtin at 04-00 G.M.T. on Monday, Mr. Casey had stated that the offer which had been made to him was a complete surprise. Mr. Casey said that he had sounded prominent men in America including Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, and Mr. Harry Hopkins and after these talks, he was prepared to go ahead subject to the concurrence of Australia. Mr. Curtin replied that Mr. Casey's work was important and the Government did not wish a change at Washington but the choice was Mr. Casey's.

CHURCHILL'S CABLE TO CURTIN

After Mr. Curtin's reply was published in London yesterday, Mr. Churchill cabled telling Mr. Curtin that he could not understand the tone and substance of Mr. Curtin's statement and he would be forced to quote Mr. Curtin's telegram unless the matter was cleared up. Mr. Curtin replied that he had explained in his first cable the reasons for the Government's wishes but Mr. Churchill persisted in explaining that he had seen Mr. Casey in America. Mr. Curtin said that he took it as a plain statement that Mr. Churchill wanted Mr. Casey and that Mr. Casey was eager. He said that he would be glad if Mr. Churchill would table all communications as Mr. Curtin would do likewise. Mr. Curtin concluded by stating that he made no personal reproach of Mr. Churchill. The decision was for Mr. Casey and not for Mr. Curtin or Mr. Churchill.

Lift Racket In Bombay

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these companies and privately express their surprise, but plead helplessness. But one wonders what prevents the Government from fixing maximum rates for carrying out work under its instructions.

The Bombay Lift Act was based on good intentions; but as one watches the way it is being enforced, one cannot help feeling that it is leading to a first class racket. Neither can one help contrasting the enthusiasm of this new fangled Government Department with the extreme dilatoriness of the Government to initiate any insurance scheme to cover buildings in Bombay against war-risks.—Yours, etc.,

A HARASSED LANDLORD.

HINDU UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' PLEA TO COMMUTE GOPALAN'S DEATH SENTENCE

BENARES, March 20.

A resolution appealing to the Government of Madras to commute the death sentence passed on Mr. Gopalan Nambiar was passed at a meeting held last evening at the Town Hall under the Presidentship of Dr. C. Narayana Menon of the Hindu University.—A.P.

WELLINGTON: To enable the diversion of New Zealand's entire building industry to a large-scale defence programme no more building permits are issuable for any work without the consent of the building controller.

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"Independence Now & Here"

Settlement Not Yet Too Late, Says Pant

NAGPUR, March 19.

"Nothing short of Purna Swaraj (complete independence) now and here can bring about a settlement of the Indian problem" said Pt. Govind Vallabh Pant, ex-Premier of U. P. and member of the Congress Working Committee, addressing a public meeting here tonight.

He said that there might be some, who thought a settlement was too late but "we are prepared to take responsibility even at this late hour".

Pandit Pant expressed the view that Imperialism had already perished and whatever be the result of the war, India would be free and nothing—no power on earth—could stop it.

Their problem was to preserve it. Pt. Pant added: "When Japan is at our very doors, Sir Stafford Cripps has been sent to India. But his proposals are still a guarded secret and there is no time to lose. Every momeat is precious and more the time lost more will the situation deteriorate.—A. P

Empire Parliamentary Association And Cripps

NEW DELHI, March 20.

The Annual General Meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association, Indian Branch, was held this evening in the Legislative Assembly under the chairmanship of Sir Manekji Dadabhoy. Sir Homi Mody, Sir Ziauddin Ahmed and Sir Cowasji Jehangir were elected vice-presidents. Sir Ramunni Menon was re-elected treasurer and following members of the Central Legislature were elected members of the Executive Committee:—

Sir F. E. James, Mr. H. A. Sattar, H. Essack Sait, Sardar Sant Singh, Mr. M. Ghiasuddin, Mr. Mohd. Nauman, Mr. Lala Ram Saran Das, Mr. Parker, Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Mr. Dalal and Mr. P. N. Sapru.

After the ordinary business of the meeting, the president announced that it has been decided to entertain Sir Stafford Cripps during his forthcoming visit to Delhi.—A. P.

JINNAH'S REPLY TO VICEROY'S CALL

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representatives of the Muslim League, who, it is hoped, will not exceed four and should please not exceed six in number, to come to Delhi to see Sir Stafford Cripps on a near date after March 25. It is much regretted that no more precise date can be settled at the present moment, but the earliest possible notice will be given to you when exact arrangements are known. Meanwhile would you kindly let me know the names of the proposed representatives and where you will be staying meantime."

JINNAH'S REPLY

Letter from Mr. M. H. Saiyid, Private Secretary to Mr. Jinnah, dated March 19:—

"Mr. Jinnah is in receipt of your letter of the 18th of March and in reply desires me to convey that he will be glad to meet Sir Safford Cripps on his arrival in Delhi.

"After Mr. Jinnah is apprised of the conclusions which represent a 'just and final solution' and the 'scheme' of his Majesty's Government, the question of procedure, the matters referred to in your letter and other details may be arranged.

"Mr. Jinnah's programme, as at present advised, is that he will remain in Delhi till the 2nd of April when he must leave for Allahabad to preside over the annual sessions of the All-India Muslim League, which has already been decided upon to commence on 3rd of April, 1942."

Forward Bloc Attitude

BENARES: "We have no illusions about Mr. Churchill or his plenipotentiary Sir Stafford Cripps", said Mr. R. S. Ruikar, presiding over the District Forward Bloc Conference here yesterday. He added: "We must make it perfectly plain and clear to Sir Stafford Cripps that what India wants to-day, here and now, is complete political freedom, freedom which will transfer all power to the Indian people and masses and that nothing less than such complete transfer of political power will satisfy India. This, at any rate, is the attitude of the Forward Bloc. War or no war, India wants her complete political and economic freedom and no domination from any foreign power, whether it is White or Yellow, Imperialist or Fascist."—A.P.

Goodbye To Amateurish Social Service

Training Is Essential Part Of Equipment Of Worker: Hansa Mehta's Speech At Opening Of Abrama Camp

ABRAMA, March 20.

"The need for trained social workers is daily felt as the importance of social work is more and more recognised in this country, and to-day specially more than at any other time when dangers threaten us from outside as well as inside, we want trained workers to help the people in every possible way" said Mrs. Hansa Mehta, declaring open the Women Workers' Training Camp here to-day.

Mrs. Mehta continued: "Social work in this country, to a very large extent, has been so far done by persons who have leisure and money. The ladies 'bountiful" take it up as a pastime to shower their patronage on the less fortunate ones of the earth. Such amateurish work however, done with the best of intentions, has not yielded much result because of the ignorance of the nature of the social problems to be tackled and because of the lack of a systematic effort.

TRAINING FOR SOCIAL WORK

"It has been now recognised in countries where social work is systematically carried on that training for social work is as much an essential part of the equipment of a social worker as training is for instance in the case of a teacher. The Tata School of Social Work in Bombay was established for that very purpose of training social workers. Unfortunately, being located in a city, it is not likely to satisfy the needs of those who wish to work in rural areas. A centre like this organised with needs and conveniences of women in mind is, therefore, to be welcomed. Its success will be a great feather in the cap of All-India Women's Conference.

THREE MONTHS' COURSE

"The training is to be for three months only. The course, therefore, is bound to be very intensive. It is a crowded curriculum and one hopes that three months will not prove too short a period for such training, as our aim should be to give a thorough training for the work intended to be done.

"It is gratifying to note that the organisers have been able to secure the services of eminent persons from all over India to speak on the various subjects. Apart from their lectures, the contact with such persons will be an education in itself. I congratulate most heartily the organisers for the expeditious and successful way in which they have accomplished their task".

"I wish this centre every success and hope that those who are trained here will prove useful in organising women to go forward with confidence towards their goal, 'viz.' a new social order when Woman will take her rightful place as an equal of man".

WILL CARRY WAR INTO JAPAN

Gen. Stilwell On Roosevelt's Assurance To China

CHUNGKING, March 20.

At his first meeting with the Press since his arrival in China, Lieut.-General Joseph Stilwell, Chief of Staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek in the China war theatre, declared this afternoon that the United States was preparing to prosecute the war until the Chinese and American troops entered Tokyo together.

"It was the intention of the President, when he sent me here", said General Stilwell, "that I should convey to the Chinese people the determination of the American people to do everything possible to finish the war as soon as we can. I want to emphasize the determination of the American people to do everything possible to finish the war as soon as we can. I want to emphasize the determination of the American people to carry the war to Japan. The happiest day of our life will be the day when we see the American and Chinese troops together in Tokyo".

Lieut.-General Stilwell, said that there were no better soldiers in the world than Chinese soldiers, and added, "nobody can match them if they are given proper supplies and equipment".

Regarding American war supplies for China's fighting forces, he said, "Everything China needs to help her war effort will be furnished without reservation. I am unable to go into detail as to what help and equipment is on the way but you may be sure that American help to China will be great".—Reuter.

VON PAPEN RETURNING TO GERMANY

ANKARA, March 20.

The German Ambassador von Papen in defiance of his doctor's orders left Ankara on Thursday night for Istanbul 'en route' for Hitler's headquarters. He looked in poor health and wore earguards

It is understood that he is returning to Ankara before the end of the month in order to be present at the opening concert of a Berlin philharmonic orchestra in Turkey, which is Germany's reply to the visit of British footballers to Ankara and Istanbul last year. —Reuter.

PVB

Stop Racket In Railway Tickets

The Jt. Hon. Secretary of the Vigilance Committee of the P.V.B. has issued the following press note:

The attention of the public is drawn to the fact that the selling or buying of a Railway ticket except from an authorised agent of a Railway Company, is a criminal offence and the public is requested, if they want to put an end to profiteering in Railway tickets, immediately to report any such attempt to the Police as also to the Vigilance Committee.

Regarding the Ordinance affecting the persons capable of driving Motors, this Committee is of opinion that the Ordinance is an unwarranted restriction on Civil Liberties. The Committee further draws the attention of the people to the fact that the Ordinance makes no provision for the payment of those conscripted in this matter, nor does it provide for compensation in case of injury or loss of life sustained by any person so conscripted.

ENROL YOURSELF IN THE P.V.B.

Issued from the P.V.B. Office:—

The P.V.B. has in a short period of a month enrolled a large number of volunteers. But the whole City's burden of protection and aid requires a much larger number. To lessen the strain on them and to facilitate efficient working of this people's organisation the citizens should readily come forward and join it in large numbers. Please remember that on your support to this movement rests the effective guarantee of protection and relief to you, your family and your neighbours.

Organise to-day. We can help you. Ring up 40133 and 40250.

'B' WARD PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER BRIGADE: All P.V.B. Volunteers enrolled in 'B' Ward are requested to remain in close touch with 'B' Ward P.V.B. office and to get the full information about their duties, during the office hours from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS' ENROLMENT: Divl. Officer, 'A' Ward People's Volunteer Brigade writes:—All Circle and Sector Officers Volunteers and Workers of the Ward are requested to be present at Ward office at 7-30 a.m. to-day (Saturday) and to-morrow (Sunday), from where they will proceed in batches from door to door for mass enrolment of volunteers.

Divl. Officer, 'A' Ward People's Volunteers Brigade, writes:—Two First-Aid classes will be started in 'A' Ward to-day (Saturday) one at the 'A' Ward P.V.B. office Bora Bazar Street, Fort, and other at Fort Students' Union, Bazar Gate Street, Fort. The classes will commence at 8-30 p.m.

RASHTREEYA SWAYAM SEVA DAL: Volunteers are required to be present at the Gymnasium of Bai Kabibai High School, Moti Chakla, for the parade, to-morrow (Sunday) at 6-30 a.m. After the parade assistance in the enrolment of volunteers for P.V.B. in 'A' Ward will be required.

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF CHINA

Celebrates Opening Of Its Offices At Chungking

CHUNGKING, March 20.

The Executive Committee of the National Christian Council celebrated the opening of its offices in Chungking. Yesterday afternoon, with a tea party, which was attended by a large number of friends and supporters including General Fang Yu Shan, and the Minister of Social Affairs. The Council, which has as its main work the promotion of co-operation among the 10,000 churches, 250 hospitals, 13 universities and numerous other Christian organizations in China, had its offices originally in Shanghai. After Chungking became China's wartime capital, the Christian Council's Executive Committee in Shanghai appointed an emergency committee for the western parts, authorizing that committee, in the event of Shanghai being cut off from Free China, to take over the duties of the Council.

Accordingly, this emergency committee began to function as the National Christian Council's Executive Committee, immediately following the outbreak of the war in the Pacific.

From its new offices in Chungking, the Council will direct its manifold activities in the Free China, including medical and social service work.—Reuter.

German Missionaries As Japs' 'Fifth Column'

PORT MORESBY, Mar. 20.

German Lutheran missionaries established for years in New Guinea are co-operating with Japanese invaders. Australian troops, who recently swooped on a number of their missions, found remains of radio transmitters, which had been hastily destroyed together with hundreds of Swastika flags made in the local Lutheran factory.

The missionaries had also secretly prepared excellent landing grounds in readiness for use by Japanese airmen. At the outbreak of the war one missionary who was a German air race in the last war donned the Luftwaffe uniform, boarded a private aircraft and flew from Alexishafen towards the Japanese-occupied Caroline Islands. Children of the local people were taught by Lutherans to give the Nazi salute and sing the "Horstwesel" song. These children are now acting as guides for the Japanese.

GRIM LESSON TO AUSTRALIA

Some observers here suggest that their activities provide a grim lesson for Australia in view of the thousands of Italians settled in North Queensland.—Reuter.

TURKEY CALLS UP MORE CONSCRIPTS

VICHY, March 20.

A further class of conscripts has been called up in Turkey, says an Istanbul dispatch to the Vichy News Agency. New recruits must report for service next Wednesday.—Reuter.

NO GOING TO CEYLON FOR OFFICERS' FAMILIES

NEW DELHI, March 20.

A Press Communique says: It is hereby notified that owing to the shortage of accommodation in Ceylon, no families of officers may proceed there until further notice. —A.P.

CENTRAL ASSEMBLY

Amended Finance Bill Passed

LEAGUERS VOTE AGAINST MEASURE: NATIONALISTS REMAIN NEUTRAL

NEW DELHI, Mar. 20.

By 44 against 14 votes, the Central Assembly this morning passed the Finance Bill as amended.

The Muslim League Party voted against the Bill, while the Nationalist Party remained neutral.

ECHO OF SOLDIERS' ROWDYISM

Mr. Mahomed Ahmed Kazmi attempted to move an adjournment motion this morning on rowdyism committed by soldiers in Bareilly resulting in injuries to pedestrians.

As Sir Gurunath Bewoor, Additional Defence Secretary, stated that the Government merely saw a report but had no information about the incident, the President asked the mover to bring the motion on Monday next.

Proceedings In Detail

The Assembly to-day passed the Third Reading of the Finance Bill by 44 votes to 14.

The Muslim League Party who had taken no part in the discussion of the clauses voted against the Third Reading while the Nationalists who had strenuously fought every new taxation proposal and had moved practically all the amendments, abstained from voting now.

Before the House divided, Prof. Bannerjee, Leader of the Nationalists, stated that the party would refrain from participation in the voting, because they felt that the debate on the Third Reading had not been allowed to proceed as unrestrictedly as in previous years.

PASSAGES-AT-ARMS

Earlier there were exchanges between the Chair and some members including Mr. Hussainbhai Lalji (Independent) Mr. M. A. Kazmi and Sardar Sant Singh (Nationalist).

Mr. Lalji while appreciating that the Finance Member had accepted suggestions such as those favouring the exclusion of certain types of machinery from the increased Customs duty, and raising the income tax limit, commented on Government's refusal to accept other suggestions, particularly the one asking for a reduction of the post-card rate from nine to six pies.

CHAIR INTERVENES

The Chair intervening pointed out that ground already covered during the discussion of the clauses should not be covered again at the Third Reading stage and proposals laready accepted by the House should not be attacked.

Sardar Sant Singh on a point of order said that it had been the practice previously to permit members to speak on points which the Treausry Benches had not accepted.

The Chair ruled it was not so.

Prof. Bannerjee stated that there was a feeling among members of his Party that the powers of the House had been restricted.

The Chair remarked that Hon. Member was not entitled to comment on the action of the Chair. If he was not satisfied with the Chair's ruling, there were other ways of expressing that dissatisfaction.

LEAGUE'S ATTITUDE

Prof. Bannerjee thereupon declared the Party's decision not to take part in the voting.

Mr. G. B. Nairang, Deputy Leader, Muslim League Party, reiterated the attitude of the party in opposing the Finance Bill and said that since they opposed it at the consideration stage, nothing had transpired to make any chance in that attitude.

Mr. Ghiasuddin (unattached) supporting the Finance Bill said the least that the House could do was to pass it and thereby extend moral support to the gallant soldiers who were fighting our battles.

Railway Revenues And Depreciation Fund

Sir Jeremy Raisman moved a resolution recommending to the Governor-General-in-Council that the Railway Revenues be declared not liable before the 1st April, 1943 to repay to the depreciation Reserve Fund maintained for Indian State-owned railways, the balance outstanding on 1st April, 1937 of loans taken from the fund to meet Railway deficits or to pay to general revenues any contribution or deficiency in contribution due under the resolution of the Assembly of 20th September, 1924 in respect of the period beginning on 1st April, 1931, and ending on 31st March, 1939.

The Finance Member observed the House having adopted both Railway and general budgets had in effect approved the action which was to be formally sanctioned by this resolution. In fact he considered that this resolution merely put the formal seal of the House on arrangements which they had already accepted and which were explained in full in the Railway member's budget speech. The moratorium facilitated payment by Railways of certain money of general revenue and was more or less equivalent to forbidding a husband paying his dues to his wife in preference to paying other creditors.

"REVISE IT"

Dr. Sir Ziauddin beseeched Sir Jeremy Raisman not to modify the 1924 convention in a piecemeal way but urged him to revise it in a satisfactory manner, at least for the duration of war.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta had no objection to postponement of payments to depreciation and reserve funds provided the reasonable claims of Railway workers were fully conceded.

Sir Andrew Clow replied that we had not reached the position when our debts were wiped out and when the surpluses could be treated for purposes of financial adjustments. He thought that at the end of the war, they might probably be in a position to know the lines on which a revision of the 1924 convention was possible.

Sir Andrew regretted he was leaving the House and thanked the members for the consideration shown to him.

The resolution was passed.

The House passed Mr. Sarkar's bill to amend the agricultural produce (Grading and Marking) Act, Sir Gurunath Bewoor's bills to amend the Indian Tolls (Army) Act and Cantonments Act before it adjourned till Monday.—A. P.

Sastri Appeals

Don't Put Extreme Demands To Cripps: Plea Not To Seek Delay

The Rt. Hon. Mr. Srinivasa Shastri has issued the following statement:—

"To the leaders of various parties and the Princes and their Ministers whom Sir Stafford Cripps may consult I make this appeal. See me prostrate before you and with supplicatory hands. Give up extreme demands which the British Government cannot grant. Compromise is not only necessary but honourable. You yield not to arrival, but to the sovereign needs of the motherland. Pray do not seek delay.

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MORE COMFORTS FOR PILGRIMS

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Suggestions to make Haj pilgrimage more comfortable are made in the report of the Special Inquiry by Mr. J. A. Rahim, I.C.S., of the Indians Overseas Department. It is recommended that Port Haj Committees should be placed directly under the Central Government and an officer be appointed with the Government of India to deal with Haj work. The publication of an annual report on the preceding season's pilgrimage has also been suggested.

A great majority of Indian pilgrims travel on authorised pilgrim ships to the Hedjaz, landing at Jedda and returning to India by the same sea route. In recent years before the outbreak of the war, the largest single quota of Indian pilgrims used to be from the Punjab and next in importance were pilgrims from Bengal and Assam. More than half the pilgrims are always over the age of 45. The proportion of persons above 60 years has never been below 13 per cent.

Between one-fifth and a quarter of the pilgrims from India are women. The report recommends the provision of a ladies compartment and a separate dressing room as special amenities for women.

To reduce the discomfort of congestion, it is stated that the only satisfactory way of giving relief without considerably increasing the space allowance would be to separate passengers from their baggage. This may be done by the provision of baggage rooms, and baggage racks and the introduction of a proper method of labelling. Also the provision of berths would give greater physical comfort and at the same time solve most of the difficulties of space distribution. A further investigation of the possibility of providing berthed accommodation is recommended.

Facilities of santitation on board most of the ships are considered inadequate. It is recommended that facilities should be given to pilgrims for washing their clothes during the voyage and soap should be provided. Hot water taps should be installed. The hospital arrangements are considered good, but to ensure better attention to the sick it is recommended that nurses should be engaged on the ship's medical staff.

Regarding destitution of Indian pilgrims, it is considered that means could be devised to ensure that pilgrims carry with them sufficient money at the time of embarkation.

It is suggested in the report that the business of pilgrim guides is in urgent need of being regulated and controlled by law. The object aimed at should not be the elimination of pilgrim guides entirely, but only the regulation of their conduct of business.

The institution of Amir-ul-Haj, who is appointed as a representative of pilgrims on board every ship, is considered useful. To help him in the discharge of his functions, it is suggested that loudspeakers should be installed through which he could address the pilgrims.

Ban On Removal Of Cotton Seed

The following Order of the Government of Bombay is published for general information:—

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause *(a)* of sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules, the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that, with effect from 16th of March 1942, no person shall remove cotton seed in excess of 20 seers by rail, road or sea from any place within the limits of the City of Bombay and Bombay Suburban District to any place outside the limits of the said City and District except under a license granted by the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay, or a person authorised by him to do so.

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TWO NEW PICTURES TO-DAY

Would you be so stern as Ulhas, if the coy Mumtaz Shanti were coaxing you so sweetly? You will get the answer in 'Basant', Bombay Talkies' coming picture directed by Amiya Chakravarty. And how do you like Jairaj coaxing Snehaprabha in 'Khilauna', Amar Pictures' new film coming to-day at Opera House?

These Are Good Old-Timers

"Bits Of Business" In 'Jhoola'

BY T. V. P.

Quite a sensation was caused by the revelation made in these columns last Saturday, in the interview with Rai Bahdur Chuni Lall, that the film industry is on the brink of a precipice caused by the Defence Department indenting all available supplies of raw positive film. The situation is being keenly watched. No fresh developments have since ensued.

Some popular interest was created, too, by the Rai Bahadur's reference to the box-office results of "Jhoola". But for the fact that we are ourselves witnesses to the success of "Jhoola" locally at the Roxy, those reports of phenomenal receptions in Delhi and Lucknow and Allahabad may well have caused surprise.

As I found on a second visit to "Jhoola" the other day, there is no outstanding or original theme behind "Jhoola". The originality lies in the treatment given to the story, both in the screen-play and in the direction. The picture abounds in what the Americans call "bits of business," little quips and jokes "aside" to the main current of the story, which perpetually fascinate the audience.

But film audiences do not forgive obstruction in the progress of the story and it is here that "Jhoola" deceives you. For, these "bits of business" are not loosely strung on to the picture, but deftly interwoven in the pattern so that it is impossible to say what is and what is not essential to the story. So pleasant is the composite result, that no one wants to scan it.

"Bharat Milap" Popular Everywhere

While "Bharat Milap" maintains its preeminent position in the current film fare of the city, encouraging reports are to hand of its similar success in other places also.

This screen Epic of Prakash Pictures has had a most thumping reception at Ahmedabad, Surat, Poona, Kolhapur, Amraoti and Nasik; and no less remarkable is the welcome accorded to it by critics and the public alike in North India also, where it has taken in the sweep of its majic spell some of the big cities like Delhi, Lahore, Allahabad, Meerut, Benares, Agra and Cawnpore.

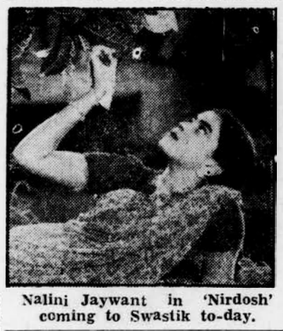
Padma in 'Doctor' at West End.

"NIRDOSH" AT SWASTIK

Nalini Jaywant Starred In 'National Film'

Nalini Jaywant is already popular as a young and promising star of the Indian screen because of her fine work in "Sister". She now comes again on the Swastik Screen from Saturday in 'Nirdosh' of the National Studios, in Hindustani and Marathi.

Nalini plays the role of a young girl persecuted by her step-mother, the picture is directed by Virendra Desai full scope to Nalini's dancing and singing talents has been afforded in "Nirdosh."



Nalini Jaywant in 'Nirdosh' coming to Swastik to-day.

'KHILAUNA' COMING TO OPERA HOUSE

Surendra Desai is an experienced producer and Sarvottam Badami's latest triumph "Holiday in Bombay" cannot be easily forgotten. Both of these men had the veteran Chimanlal Desai to guide them in the Amar Picture's new film "Khilauna" which will be shown at the Royal Opera House to-day.

Coupled with these facts are further facts of equal importance. Snehaprabha, Jairaj, Prabha and Kanayalal have been given featured roles in this picture. Is it any wonder that it is expected to be a success?

New Modern Theatre At Matunga

A long cherished desire of the residents of Bombay North is now realised with the opening of the Aurora Talkies, the new magnificent picture house on Thursday when about a thousand guests were present. They were shown : It Started With Eve" and entertained to light refreshment.

With a population of 50,000, Matunga lacked a good theatre. Messrs. R. B. Raut and Vi M. Virkar deserve congratulations for giving this theatre to a needy public. The pictures in this theatre will be managed by Messrs. C. J. Desai, B. D. Bharucha and P. C. Kapadia.

Aurora has been built of the latest design and model with up-to-date lighting and air conditioning arrangement in it. The architects of this theatre are Messrs. Marathe and Kulkarni and the entire lighting and air conditioning arrangement through the system of modern ventilation has been done by Messrs. D. K. Shahde & Co. The theatre has the capacity to accommodate 900 persons, the balcony alone accommodating 300 persons. The theatre is equipped with the latest RCA PG 139 Sound System and Brenkert High Intensity Light.

Realistic Photography Of "Raja Rani"

A striking feature of Surendra Pai's camera work in "Raja Rani" is that the audience never feels camera-conscious. Every scene is unfolded on the screen in a natural and realistic manner; the camera never interdues to pause thenarrative in order to show off the artistic grandeur of cinematography. This restraint shown by the cameraman and the director in avoiding the

Moghul Glory On Screen

"Taj Mahal" Draws Crowds At Minerva

Mohan Pictures' "Taj Mahal," has been drawing crowds of appreciative audiences at Minerva Cinema since its release two weeks ago.

The theme centres on the undying love of Emperor Shah Jehan for his Queen Mumtaz Mahal which, on her death, was commenciated in the famous Taj Mahal of Agra. As a background to this is the career of thrilling exploits of the Emperor under the guidance and inspiration of the Queen. Her personality and life, as vividly depicted here, provide a living portrait of a Queen, who was not only a devoted wife but also a twisted counseller of her husband.

Director Nanubhai Vakil has handled the story so skilfully as to bring out all its dramatic highlights and has enlivened it with a good sprinkling of music, dancing and other light elements which combine to make it a thrilling entertainment.

Added to this are the spectacular settings of the royal court life and the scenes of the historic Moghul monuments at Agra and Delhi. All these make "Taj Mahal" a great achievement for the producers.

The principal roles are well played by Kumar, Sarojini, Indurani and Mubarak.

Jeevan's "Paisa" Is Amusing Comedy

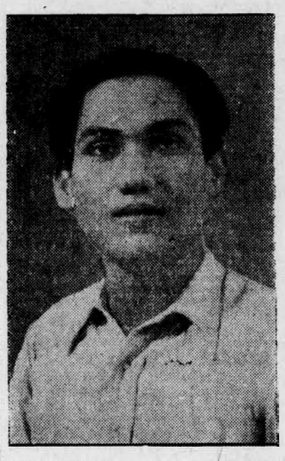
Jeevan Pictures' "Paisa" in its second week at Novelty, is a comedy with a moral "Paisa" points the futility of overweening love of money and illustrates its moral with a tale of a young married couple who underwent many diverting misadventures in pursuit of a fortune.

But now Ashok's expectations materialise and in trying to fulfil the conditions of the will the wretched pair go through yet more unexpected experiences.

The comedy is somewhat everdrawn and the situations a trifle thin, but on the whole "Paisa" is light and diverting enough and has sufficient human interest to make good entertainment. Kanta Kumari makes a charming Indira and Madhav Kale is an attractive, if necessarily subdued hero. Indira Wadkar, Shakuntala, Raja Pandit and Balasaheb land a capable supporting cast. The picture was directed by G. P. Pawar. The music and songs are pleasing.

ostantatious effects for effects' sake rightly earns our admiration.

That does not mean that the lighting and angles or trucking panning of camera in "Raja Rani" are not subtle of effective. From purely technical or artistic point of view the Cinematography of "Raja Rani" is not only flawless but fascinating.



Sukhendu Dutt, dance instructor of Rupayatana.

CRIPPS' MISSION

(From Our Special Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 13.

Delay, uncertainty, vacillation —these continue to be the distinguishing marks of the British Government's political policy. The short statement of Mr. Churchill —awaited for weeks with anxious interest—has not served to lessen the apprehension in the public mind. Few, indeed, in the Assembly lobbies—to whatever party they may belong—have questioned the wisdom of choosing Sir Stafford Cripps for conducting the negotiations with Indian leaders, for he has many friends in this country and enjoys a great reputation for his knowledge of Indian affairs and sense of fairness. But how long is this process of delay and so-called consultation to go on? And what is there in the Churchill statement itself to show that the British Government is now at least thinking in terms of a big and bold policy to satisfy the people? All these apprehensions are finding full apprehension in the lobbies. In fact, not even the most moderate among the members is inclined to attach exaggerated importance to the visit of Sir Stafford and build undue hopes upon that fact. One prominent member told me that the search for agreement could not be expected to lead anywhere—unless it was preceded by a clear declaration guaranteeing full freedom to India. No such declaration was in the Churchill statement—and only time will show whether Sir Stafford carries any such message to India. On the other hand, there is the solid fact that valuable time is being needlessly lost owing to the Government's incurable habit of indecision.

UNCERTAIN FACTORS

Such information as is available here shows that originally the intention was to issue a more detailed statement explaining the Cabinet's proposals and see whether on the basis of these proposals the leaders of the Congress, the Muslim League and other parties will get together to settle an agreed plan. In the meantime came, the protests from Mr. Jinnah. It was at this time Sir Stafford is reported to have offered to go to India and exert himself personally to bring party leaders together and secure their support to an agreed scheme. This met the demand of the British public that, instead of going on harping on the need for agreement, the British Government should take the intiative and do something. And, what is more, as this new move of the War Cabinet accords with the oft-expressed desired of important poditical leaders in India that a front rank British Minister should come over to India with the full authority of the Cabinet, it keeps both the Viceroy and the Secretary of State out of the picture and gives a new start to the negotiations. In the past there was the feeling that the India Office blocked all proposalls for advance emanating from New Delhi. And there was also the feeling that the powerful I.C.S. interests—entrenched as they are in strong positions as Governors and other important vantage points—were holding up things. As the mission has been entrusted to Sir Stafford in his capacity as the Cabinet's authorised representative, these influences will now recede to the background.

STRONG PROTEST

The debates in the Assembly on the Budget have given fairly strong evidence of the feeling of dissatisfaction with the present policy of the Government—and the inadequacy of the present administrative and other arrangements to cope with the problems of the present national emergency. We have had criticism of a type which the Treasury Bench has never before had to face not only from non-official benches—despite the absence of the Congress party—but from their own henchmen of the European group and such others. Referring, for instance, to the continuance of recruitment of young Europeans from England in supersession of the claims of men already in service in Railway workshops in India, Sir Henry Gidney cried angrily: "Is it not a fact that during war time you get nothing but the dregs of English workshops to come out to India to fill appointments and none but fifth class Englishmen would come out to India?..... Does the Hon. Member mean to say that after nearly a hundred years of British administration of Indian Railways their workshops are barren of locally trained men to fill these appointments? If he does, let him get rid of these British workshop managers as men incapable of training those under them?

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CORPS

NEW DELHI, March 19.

In the course of a broadcast talk entitled 'Women's Auxiliary Corps', Her Excellency Lady Linlithgow said:—

"This corps will provide occupation for all women between ages of 18 and 50 of any nationality who are British subjects. Women from Indian States who are willing to come to British India will be welcomed. All women who join must be able to speak colloquial English.

Amongst the duties for which women will be enlisted are switch-board operators, telephone orderlies, wireless operators, clerks in offices or units, store women in the ordnance, hospital and other units dispensers, plotters in the observer corps, mess sergeants in reinforcement camps, drivers of staff cars and ambulances, etc.

TO WOMEN OF INDIA

"Women of India, to you, I appeal whatever the political faith of your men folk. Motherhood to you as as to me is sacred. You have sons as I have fighting for freedom, fighting against the aggressor, fighting to protect our homeland. For this is what is now facing us. The war has been far from us and it has been difficult for us in India to realise that it was our concern. But now the enemy is at our gates. The Nazis of Asia are apt pupils and their methods differ very little from those of their masters. Madame Chiang Kai-shek told you of the sufferings of the Chinese people and of how for four and a half years they had withstood the enemy. She told you of the part women had played in the defence of their country, she told you how unity had been achieved in face of the common foe, Japan. They had but one thought—to defend their country. She called upon you to realise before it was too late the kind of enemy with whom you had to deal. The Viceroy in his message called for unity—unity from all men and women in India. Your Indian soldiers are giving their lives for the Empire. Our British soldiers are giving their lives for the Empire. Let us go forward, you and I—let us show the world that the women of India are second to none in their determination to withstand the invader at whatever cost. Square your shoulders, hold your heads high, and remember that when you join the women's auxiliary corps that the letters W.A.C. also stand for wisdom, assurance, courage.—A.P.

Bombay War Gifts Fund

Amount previously acknowledged: Rs. 86,37,399-6-7.

For Indian Red Cross and Amenities For Troops:— Rs. 940 through the Mamlatdar, Malwan, Ratnagiri District; Rs. 576-4 the Staff of Messrs. Burmah-Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Co., of India, Ltd., (monthly), Rs. 320 through the Mamlatdar, Dapoli, Ratnagiri district.

For the R.A.F.:—Rs. 939-3-3 through the Mamlatdar, Malwan, Ratnagiri District; Rs. 646-5-6 the Staff of Messrs. Burma-Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Co., of India, Ltd., (monthly), Rs. 320 through the Mamlatdar, Dapoli, Ratnagiri district.

For Mobile Canteen for A.R.P. Services in Bombay:—Rs. 7,000 the Girl Guides Association of Bombay.

Grand Total on Friday (including sums less than Rs. 100) Rs. 86,48,695-15-10.

JAIPUR RAJYA PRAJAMANDAL

(From A Correspondent)

SRI MADHOPUR, March 20.

The fourth annual session of the Jaipur Rajya Prajamandal will be held here on March 25 and 26. Pt. Hiralal Shastri, the President-elect, will reach here on the morning of the 25th, along with members of the Prajamandal Working Committee. The Presidential procession will be taken out the same morning. The open session on the first day will be preceded by the opening ceremony of the Khadi Exhibition which will be performed by Sjt. Haribhau Upadhyaya. Dr. Kailash Nath Katju, ex-Minister of the U. P. Government, will deliver the opening address. The Subjects Committee will first meet in the afternoon of the 25th.

The Working Committee of the Jaipur Rajya Prajamandal will meet at Keengus on the evening of the 24th when the members of the Committee are to reach there 'en route' to Sri Madhopur.

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URGENT RELIEF ESSENTIAL

Price Of Rice Beyond Means Of Poor

(From Our Correspondent)

DAHANU, March 20.

Hunger, despair and desolation are writ large on the famished faces of the famine stricken Adivasis scattered all over the Dahanu Taluka of the Thana District.

As a result of a continuous famine for the last three years, the condition of these poor people seems absolutely hopeless. The situation is made more serious owing to scarcity and high prices of grains.

The inferior kind of rice—known as Mandia rice which used to be imported from Rangoon is completely stopped. The rice crop in the Taluka has failed completely, so also the Nagali crop.

The poor people who hardly get 3 as. to 4 as. on an average daily cannot afford to spend 5 as. to 6 as. per paylee in purchasing corn in sufficient quantity. Unless something is done immediately to relieve the distress, it is feared, the condition will be serious and also threatening.

I learn that Government would be ready to help local organisations financially to open cheap grain shops. As far as I know no such shop is opened in this taluka upto now, though projects at three places,—Chinchani, Dahanu, Gholvad-Bordi,—are under consideration.

Vanita Vidyalaya Examination Results

Sewing and Cutting Examinations in Theory and Practice of the students attending the Vanita Vidyalaya at Dadar Hindu Colony were held this month, and the following are the successful students in order of merit:—Final Diploma Course: Mrs. Saraswati Randive, Mrs. Manorama Chaphekar and Mrs. Rohini Pinge.

Eighteen Months' Training: Mrs. Ahilya Nerurkar, Mrs. Lakshmibai Borkar, Mrs. Gangabai Kulkarni, Miss Nalini Desai and Mrs. Meenakshi Iyer.

One Year's Training: Miss Ambu Dhume, Miss Indu Nadkarni, Miss Malati Thorat, Miss Vimal Gadkari, Mrs. Sunanda Kalambi and Mrs. Indira Vartak.

Six Months' Training: Miss Ambu Dhume, Miss Indu Nadkarny Mrs. Leela Gardre, Mrs. Sushila Bhatiekar, Mrs. Sunanda Kalambi and Mrs. Hemlata Tungare.

Ceylon Indian Congress

The Working Committee of the Ceylon Indian Congress has passed a number of resolutions, supporting the ban on the emigration of unskilled workers, requesting the Government of India, to take from the Government of Ceylon an assurance that they would not put any obstacles in the way of Indians returning to Ceylon, keeping in abeyance till after the war the solution of the Indo-Ceylon question, about the treatment of labourers by the Estate Planters, requesting the Government of India to give Government of Ceylon every assistance in the matter of supply and transport of food to Ceylon, and appealing to the Governments of Ceylon and India to give facilities to those who want to return to India.

The District Magistrate and controller of prices, Poona, has formed a Committee called the District Advisory Committee for Price Control composed of 23 members representing various public services. Six Sub-Committees have also been formed to facilitate the work of the main body.

JODHPUR GOVT. AND LOK PARISHAD DISPUTE

(From Our Correspondent)

JODHPUR, March 17.

Sjt. Jai Narain Vyas, President of Jodhpur Municipal Board and General Secretary of the All-India States' People's Conference, has in an extraordinary issue of the 'Praja Sewak', a local weekly, released the correspondence exchanged between Sir Donald Field and himself in connection with the compromise arrived at between the Government of Jodhpur and the Lok Parishad. This has been done by Mr. Vyas to prove that the Parishad had neither admitted its faults nor given any undertaking as was expressed in the editorials and despatches simultaneously published in some Bombay and Secunderabad paper.

Mr. Vyas has also published the State Council's resolution on the subject of compromise, which says that if the 'agitators' "agree to refrain from taking part in all political or anti-Government activities (words, deeds and writing) for the period of War and will make an announcement to this effect in the newspapers, and also if necessary give similar assurances to His Highness the Maharaja in person, the present repressive policy of the Government need not be continued." Another condition in the resolution was that "the Lok Parishad will remain under the Ban."

It transpires from the correspondence that both these conditions were not agreed to by the Parishad. On the contrary the Scheme of Reforms which the Parishad characterized as reactionary and not worth being touched with a pair of tongs was withdrawn by the Government.

The publication of the correspondence has created a great stir in the city and the reactions from the Government quarters are anxiously being awaited. A despatch published in that very extraordinary issue hints that the Government will once again resort to a repressive policy, and will declare the Lok Parishad an unlawful body.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

Civil Appointments

Mr. D. G. Chambers, I.C.S., to officiate, as Collector of Broach and Panch Mahals vice Mr. V. Isvaran, I. C. S.

Mr. G. W. McElhinny, I. C. S., Collector of Bombay, to officiate as Commissioner of Excise, in addition to his own duties, during the absence on leave for three months from 1st May 1942 of Mr. E. G. Taylor, I. C. S.

On return from leave Mr. M. S. Mauivi to be Collector of Bijapur, vice Mr. I. T. Almaula, reverting.

Mr. M. J. Desai, I. C. S., Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, to officiate as Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, vice Mr. H. V. R. Iengar.

Mr. D. S. Modak, on return from leave, to officiate as Collector of Broach and Panch Mahals, vice Mr. D. G. Chambers, I. C. S.

Mr. D. G. Chambers, I. C. S., on relief, to officiate as Collector of Satara, vice Mr. B. K. Patel, I. C. S.

Mr. B. H. Taylor, Officiating Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bombay, is granted leave for two months and 15 days from 15th May 1942, or from the subsequent date of relief.

Dr. A. J. Noronha, Lecturer in Bacteriology and Pathology at B. J. Medical College, Poona is reappointed after his retirement on superannuation on 15th March 1942, pending further orders.

Bombay Hindi Vidyapith

RESULTS OF THE EXAM. HELD IN FEBRUARY 1942

HINDI BHASHA RATNA (II Class): A. N. Namjoshi, Mitrabai Kuber, Ramabai Divgi, Janardan S. Bhatt.

Pass: Kamal Mhatre, Kishori Sanjagiri, Naja N. Bardi, T.S. Angrekar.

Nos. 4 and 8 are allowed to appear for Moukhik only.

HINDI UTTAMA (II Class): T.M. Sanghvi, D.K. Dighe, S.B. Malkhedkar, Kusum Kotasthane, Anusuya Nadkarni, R.V. Deodhar, Shitarashmi J. Panwalia, N.G. Paigankar.

Pass: Nos. 3, 5, 6 7 11 12 14 15 29 32 34 41 45 47 49 50 51 53 55 60 61 67.

HINDI MADHYAMA: Passed with distinction: Kumudini Gaitonde.

I Class: Nos. 19 30 35 53 55 56 73 80 82 85 87 88 89 100 108 113 119 146 151.

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HINDI PRATHAMA: Passed with distinction: 62 74 75 127 128 156 158 169 171 185 193 224 238 241 258 262 268 281 322 351 375 376 377 413.

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PRIZE WINNERS

Hindi Madhyama: (34) Kumudini B. Gaitonde 1st prize. (108) Parvati V. Aiyer 2nd prize. (30) Sushila Mariman 3rd prize.

Hindi Prathama: (238) V.S. Modak 1st prize, (171) S.L. Maluste 2nd prize, (158) Y. A. Zatye 3rd prize.

Jamnalal Bajaj Memorial Committee's Appeal

Shri Rameshwardasji Birla (President), Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Smt. Suvritadevi Ruiya, Shri Laxminarayanji Gadodia, Shri Bhagirathji Kanoria, Shri Hiralalji Shastri, Shri Shantiprasadji Jain and Shri Keshavdeoji Nevatia (Secretary) of the Jamnalal Bajaj Memorial Committee have issued the following appeal:—

The only way to make good the loss caused by the sudden death of Seth Jamnalalji Bajaj is to make untiring efforts to carry on the activities left unaccomplished by him in his life time. During the last days of his life Jamnalalji had made the service of the Cow his aim and for this purpose he accepted the presidentship of the "Go Seva Sangh" and made Gopuri-Wardha his abode. He had a keen and burning interest in the service of Cow but his unfortunate death had dealt a great blow to the cause. Now it is the duty of his friends and well-wishers to carry out this half done work to its completion.

Smt. Jankidevi Bajaj has resolved to take up the work of "Go Seva Sangh" left by her husband. To commemorate Seth Jamnalalji it has been decided to form a "Rishabh Sudhar Mandal" under the aegis of "Go Seva Sangh". The object of this Mandal is to breed on scientific lines and distribute one thousand fine stud bulls in the country wherever necessary with or without charges.

It is estimated that this work will involve an expenditure of nearly five lakhs of rupees.

Mahatma Gandhi has blessed this work. We earnestly appeal to the public and friends of Seth Jamnalalji to help in this holy cause.

MILITARISATION OF U. T. C.

Madras University's Great Effort

MADRAS, March 19.

A great step in the militarisation of the University Training Corps in the near future was envisaged by Mr. H. C. Popworth, Principal of the Presidency College, moving for the adoption of the annual report of the working of the Madras University at the Senate meeting held to-day, Sir Mahomed Usman, Vice Chancellor presiding.

"The University Training Corps said Mr. Popworth, will become regiments of the army under the command officers commanding district areas and fortresses. In order to make this possible, the Government of India propose to take up the question of amending the Indian Territorial Forces Act under which the U. T. C. are at present constituted so that contingents may be grouped not as at present on a mere University or even provincial basis but definitely under military commands."

An important feature in the year's activities, said Mr. Popworth, was the considerable expansion of the existing University Training Corps. Its strength had been increased by 50 per cent and there were now 993 men in the Corps and many contingents were still in the waiting list.—A.P.

Dearness Allowance To Govt. Employees

The dearness allowance granted to low-paid Government servants in this Province has been increased by the Government of Bombay from Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 a month. The allowance is dependent on increased cost of living. If the average of the figures of the Bombay City cost of living index for any three consecutive months is 130 or above, then in regard to the month following and that month only, the revised rate will be applicable.

Only those Government servants, who, if employed in Bombay City are in receipt of emoluments not exceeding Rs. 49 a month or, if employed in the mofussil are in receipt of emoluments not exceeding Rs. 34 a month are eligible to the revised concession. Government servants in Bombay City whose emoluments exceed Rs. 49 a month but not Rs. 52 a month, and Government servants in the mofussil whose emoluments exceed Rs. 34 a month but not Rs. 37 a month will be granted such allowance as is necessary to make their emoluments equal to Rs. 52 a month and Rs. 37 a month respectively.

The average cost of living index figure for the three months ending January, 1942, was over 130. The revised rate, therefore, has been applied retrospectively from February 1.

The concession of dearness allowance has been extended also to the wholetime daily rated staff from March 1. If the average cost of living index for Bombay City for three successive months is 130 or above, they will be paid an allowance of 2 annas a working day, subject to a maximum of Rs. 3 a month. If, however the average cost of living index is below 130 but not less than 117 for any three consecutive months, the rate of allowance will be reduced to 1 anna and 3 pies a working day, subject to a maximum of Rs. 2 a month.

A New World Will Emerge From Present War, Says Meher Baba

"Two kinds of forces are operative in the present war—(1) the forces which make for Love, Justice, Harmony and the Well-being of mankind taken as a whole, and (2) the forces, which in alliance with narrow racial or national loyalties, work towards the selfish exploitation of others. This war is bringing vast amount of suffering and destruction to millions of people. But all this will not be in vain. "Out of this chaos, there will emerge a new world of Freedom and Happiness and Understanding,'" says Shri Meher Baba, in the course of a public message released from Bangalore.

"War can at best be only a means to an End; it can never be an End, in itself," he further says. "War-effort will be justified or stand condemned not by the 'results', which it produces, but by the Ends, by which it is inspired. The world has to face this war and go through its ordeal of fire, even at the cost of irreparable damage and unredeemable suffering: it is a necessary evil."

Bombay Vigilance Association's Activities

The Annual Report of the Association for the year 1941 shows that the workers of the Association with the help of the Incorporated Law Society of Bombay, and the Vigilance Branch Police, cleared a building entirely occupied by prostitutes in Apollo Bunder area, and rescued two young women and restored them to their respective families.

With the aid of the police the workers made several attempts to haul up the pimps in different areas of the City. The vigilance work was much handicapped on account of the riots in the city and consequent Curfew orders.

During the year the Association seriously took up the question of the removal of brothels from the main thoroughfares in which there are tramlines. During the year a total number of 73 women and 29 babies had taken advantage of the shelter provided by the Association. A literary class was conducted in the shelter by the Lady Superintendent with a view to impart instruction in reading and writing, to those who expressed a desire to learn. Residents were given necessary medical treatments. With the annual grant from the Government and of donations, the Association worked well.

Manufacture Of Improved Quality Of Paper

A scheme for the training of Kagadis from Junnar and Erandol in the manufacture of improved quality of blotting paper and other varieties of paper has been approved by the Government of Bombay.

The scheme is costing about Rs. 7,000 and will be worked by the All-Inia Village Industries Association who will also provide for the supply of improved equipment and pulp to the Kagadis.

SULPHUR-LESS GUNPOWDER

NEW DELHI, March 19.

A notable development during the past few weeks in the field of munitions production is the manufacture of sulphurless gunpowder. This material had previously been imported, but indigenous manufacture has now been established at an Ordnance factory and the first consignment of the power has been accepted by the military authorities for use in ammunition production.—A. P.

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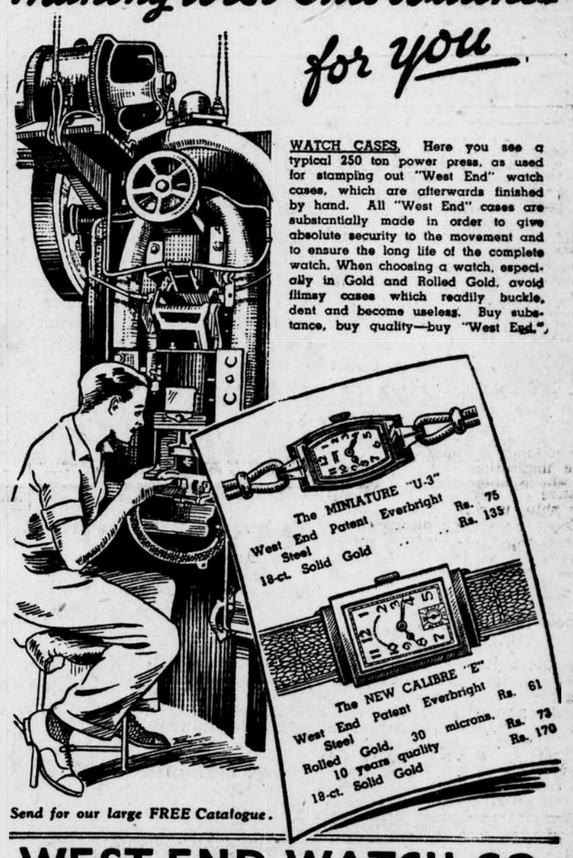

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JOURNALISTS' ECONOMIC CONDITION WORSENING

Association's Appeal To Editors And Proprietors: President's Plea For Organising Themselves As Trade Union

The economic condition of working journalists and its worsening due to rise in prices and the resultant inability for them to maintain their living standards figured in the resolutions passed at the annual general meeting of the Journalists Association of India on Friday evening.

It was also resolved to forward the resolutions to the Chairman of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society and the President of the All-India Editors' Conference.

The meeting was held at the Association premises and Mr. B. G. Horniman presided. At the outset the annual report and the audited statement of accounts were adopted and the following office-bearers were elected: PRESIDENT: Mr. B. G. Horniman; VICE-PRESIDENTS: Messrs. K. P. Khadilkar, N. C. Kelkar and T. Praksam; HON. SECRETARIES: Mr. K. A. Chidambaram (Bombay Chronicle) and Mr. J. M. Ghate (Nava Kal); HON. TREASURER: Mr. G. M. Laud (Times of India).

Mr. S. A. Brelvi (Bombay Chronicle) was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee and the following were elected to serve on it: K. R. Desai, "Bombay Samachar"; K. G. Swami, "Times of India"; K. D. Noshir, "Times of India"; A. S. Bharatan, Associated Press"; Samaldas Gandhi, "Vande Mataram"; Amritlal Sheth, "Janmabhoomi"; K. D. Katki, "Jam-e-Jamshed"; M. Harris, "Ajmal"; J. M. Deb, "United Press"; S. Natarajan, "Indian Social Reformer"; R. K. Tatnis, "Vividha Vritta".

Messrs. Dalal and Shah were again appointed Hon. Auditors.

ANNUAL REPORT

After recording the activities of the Association during the period, the annual report stated:

"The war has brought in its own quota of troubles to journalists. At the outset, there was a threat to the freedom of the Press, as both the Central and Provincial Governments freely made use of the powers under the Defence of India Act against the publication of Satyagraha news. The Executive Committee by a resolution protested against the New Delhi notification prescribing precensorship of news as a blow to the freedom of the Press. The All-India Editors' Conference under the able lead of Mr. K. Srinivasan is to be congratulated on having established itself as a bulwark of the freedom of the Indian Press. While the committee is only too well aware of the up-hill task facing the All-India Editors' Conference, attention may also be drawn to the unsatisfactory conditions of journalists in India. On the economic front, the war has become a battle for survival for working journalists. The reduction in pages of newspaper has adversely affected mofussil correspondents and free-lance journalists. The rise in the price of foodstuffs and other necessaries has increased the cost of living, and in the absence of any dearness or compensatory allowance, the majority of journalists find it difficult to maintain their living standards. They look to the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society and the All-India Editors' Conference to secure for them a decent standard scale of pay at the start, guaranteed annual increments, and benefit of provident fund or gratuity on retirement. With perfect goodwill and a spirit of comraderie existing between Indian and European editors and between the All-India Editors' Conference and the Newspaper Society, it is confidently expected that both the organisations will try their best for a fair deal to working journalists".

DEFENCE RULES

The report then gives a record of the resolutions of the Executive Committee wherein the Committee took note of the fact that the operation of the Defence of India Rules menaced the freedom of the Press and otherwise impinged on the profession of journalism and quoted instances from the United Provinces and Bengal.

RESOLUTIONS

After the adoption of the report, the following resolutions were moved:

"The Journalists' Association of India invite the attention of newspaper proprietors and editors to the steep rise in the cost of foodstuffs and the consequent increase in the cost of living, and appeal to them to grant dearness or compensatory allowances to enable the journalists to maintain their living standard.

"The Journalists' Association of India desire to draw the attention of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society and the All-India Editors' Conference to the unsatisfactory working conditions of journalists in India, and urge upon them the need for securing for journalists a decent standard scale of pay at the start, guaranteed annual increments and benefit of provident fund or gratuity on retirement".

"That a copy of the above resolutions be forwarded to the Chairman of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society and the President of the All-India Editors' Conference for necessary action".

Several members spoke on the resolution.

Mr. Horniman winding up expressed the opinion that the economic condition of working journalists could not improve unless they were organised as a trade union and were prepared to take combined action. He cited the British example. In England before the National Union of Journalists came on the scene as the champion of the working journalists, they suffered under many disabilities. The Union took up their case and through agitation and organisation gained strength and struck at the most opportune moment. The result was that they gained what they had been agitating for. He felt that their resolutions would be futile unless they were prepared to combine and act.

The resolutions were passed.

After a vote of thanks to the President and the Auditors the meeting terminated.

SECRET SESSIONS OF BENGAL ASSEMBLY

CALCUTTA, March 20.

The Press and public galleries were cleared when Sir Nazimuddin, Leader of the Opposition, made a statement in the Bengal Assembly to-day regarding the security of the Province.

The Chief Minister, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, in his reply explained the steps so far taken in the matter of civil defence.

The House also discussed the Civil Defence Budget.—United Press.

SIND MINISTER ON 'SCORCHED EARTH'

KARACHI, March 20.

The Sind Assembly went into a secret session at 3-30 this afternoon to discuss a Bill dealing with murders and dacoities committed in Sind by the Hurs (followers of Pir Pagaro).

The Sind Assembly passed to day all the Budget demands for the new financial year.

SOLDIERS' BEHAVIOUR

In the House, Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatulla, Home Minister, made a statement regarding complaints on the behaviour of soldiers towards civilian population in Karachi, and announced that the Military authorities had acceded to the request of the Sind Government to keep soldiers out of the city (out of bounds).

Referring to the Congress Party's suggestion to the Provincial Government to make representations to the Central Government that the "scorched earth" policy should not be adopted in India, the Home Minister said that the "scorched earth" policy applied to objectives of military importance only, and not to civil property. Hence it was unnecessary for the Provincial Government to make representations to the Central Government.—United Press.

COLLECTION OF INCOME-TAX

NEW DELHI, March 20.

A Press Communique says: If the Indian Finance Bill, 1942, as amended by the Legislative Assembly, becomes lay, persons other than companies and local authorities having an annual income exceeding Rs. 1,500 but not exceeding Rs. 2,000 will become liable to tax at six pies in the rupee on the amount by which the total income exceeds Rs. 750 They can, however, discharge their liability to taxation by depositing in the Indian Post Office Defence Savings Bank an amount representing not less than Re. 1 for every complete unit of Rs. 25 by which their total income exceeds Rs. 750.

DEDUCT TAX FROM SALARIES

Under Sec. 18 of the Indian Income-Tax Act it will be obligatory on employers to deduct tax from salaries payable on or after April 1, 1942, if the estimated total income under the head "salaries" of an employee exceeds Rs. 1,500. But it is open to such employee to exercise the option, which will be final for the year in respect of which it is exercised, of depositing the minimum amount instead of paying the tax. In that even the employer should instead of deduction income-tax deduct the monthly average of the minimum amount that is to be deposited for the year and deposit the same in the Post Office Defence Savings Bank in the name of the employee.

The employer should, therefore, before deducting tax allow each such employee to exercise the option of paying tax or of marking a deposit.

Detailed rules laying down the procedure for deduction of tax or of the amount of deposit in such cases will be notified as soon as the Finance Bill becomes law.—A.P

VICEROY'S DONATION TO "CHINA DAY" FUND

NEW DELHI, Mar. 20.

H. E. the Viceroy has supplemented the amount subscribed by the Princes and people of India on 'China Day' by a donation of Rs. five lakhs from his War Purposes Fund.

It is expected that an amount exceeding Rs. twelve lakhs will be sent to Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. —A. P.

Notice Served On Lahore D. C.

'Pratap' Editor Demands Apology And Damages

LAHORE, March 20.

A notice under Sec. 180 of the Code of Civil Procedure has been served on Mr. K. H. Henderson, Deputy Commissioner of Lahore, by Mr. Ramlal Anand, counsel, on behalf of Mr. Virendra, Managing Editor of the "Pratap", demanding an unqualified written apology and a sum of Rs. 5,100 as damages for the "indignity to which he (Mr. Virendra) was subjected by him and for his arrest for a period of three hours".

The arrest, which was effected when Mr. Virendra went to make enquiries about the action taken against women Satyagrahis on February 22 last, was, the notice says, "without any case or justification and was not made in good faith and was 'mala fide'."

The notice adds that in the event of the apology and the damage referred above not forthcoming within two calendar months, a regular suit will be filed for the recovery of the same.—United Press

Pigeons Under Defence Rules!

NEW DELHI, March 21.

It is announced that lest racing or homing pigeons should be used for communicating information to the enemy, a new Defence of India Rule published to-day provides that on or after March, 28, 1942, no person shall have under his control or send messages by any racing or homing Pigeon except under the authority of a permit granted by a District Magistrate.

Persons possessing such Pigeons will, therefore, have to apply for permits at once to their District Magistrate.—A. P.

WIVES OF BR. OFFICERS IN HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE

NEW DELHI, March 20.

It is thought that wives of British officers and other ranks who were serving in Hong Kong and Singapore may wish to return to the United Kingdom, or other country of domicile, says a 'communique.' As it is anticipated that suitable opportunities for their doing so may occur within the next few weeks, applications for passages should be forwarded as early as possible, through Military Station Commanders, to the Adjutant-General in India. Applicants will be given the necessary form, I. A. F. T.-1727.—A. P.

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SURPRISE AIR RAID ALARM

Between Midnights Of Tuesday And Wednesday Next

The Government of Bombay intends to continue the series of Air Raid Alarm Exercises. The next Exercise will take place between midnight of March 24 and midnight of March 25 and will cover the Islands of Bombay and Salsette. For this Exercise no indication will be given as to the time at which the air raid warning will be sounded.

The beginning of the Exercise will be indicated by the sounding of the "All Clear" which will immediately be followed by the Air Raid Warning Signal. The end of the Exercise will be indicated by the "All Clear Signal". All vehicular traffic shall pull in to the left-hand side of the road and stop, but must keep clear of hydrants leaving a clear space of 30 feet on either side. All tram cars shall pull up.

General public should take cover inside a solid building. The same rules as in former exercises apply to animal-drawn vehicles.

If the exercise is held public utility companies and essential services of the Defence Forces and the A. R. P. after sunset, the drivers of all vehicles except those of Police shall extinguish all lights immediately.

Every owner or occupier of any building or premises shall, on demand by any Police officer, Civic Guard or member of the A. R. P. Services, admit into such building or premises any person seeking shelter during the Exercise.

Passengers in buses and trams should leave them to take the nearest shelter. There will be a complete cessation of movement for about half an hour. Those who employ A. R. P. workers and Civic Guards are requested to free them from their work as soon as the First "All Clear Signal" is given.

All members of the public are warned that compliance with the regulations will be enforced, if necessary, by prosecution.

Remember the date.....between March 24 and March 25 midnight.

Madras Govt. Offices

MADRAS, March 20.

To comply with military requirements, the Government have, as already reported, decided to transfer the Secretariat and other civil offices to places outside the Fort area. The Accountant-General's office and certain other offices have accordingly been shifted from the Fort. As sufficient accommodation is not available in Madras, the Government propose to shift some of the non-essential Departments of the Secretariat to Ootacamund, where Government quarters are now lying vacant. The Chief Secretariat and other essential Departments of the Government will continue to remain in Madras. The Chief Secretary and heads of all Departments will remain in Madras, the exodus to the summer headquarters having been cancelled this year.—A. P.

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The winners of the Polo match held on Thursday evening at the Victoria Swimming Bath between the Royal Hellenic Navy and the Royal Navy, photographed with the Maharana of Dharampur (standing 3rd from left).

"GREATEST TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE IN HISTORY"

American Railroads' Record In 1941

America's railroads broke all records for performance in 1941, but they face even greater demands in 1942 now that America is engaged in a total war against the Axis Powers, President J. J. Pelley, of the Association of American Railroads, declares in the following article.

A report on what American railroads did in 1941 can be summed up in a single sentence: they turned in the greatest transportation performance in history. If facts be needed to support this here are a few:

Railroads handled more ton miles of freight in 1941 than were ever handled in any previous year; they did this without car shortage, congestion or delay. Railroads delivered a vast amount of material daily to widely separated Government defence construction projects throughout the country, and not once was any of these jobs delayed because of the failure of rail transportation.

1918 PERFORMANCE DWARFED

Railroads delivered at times during the year more export freight at some of the larger ports than they did, in the war year of 1918, and the volume at other ports approached the peak of World War 1. At no time was there any sign of congestion, and considerably more traffic could easily have been handled.

Railroads during the 1941 wheat harvest supplied cars for every bushel of grain for which storage space could be provided, in spite of the unprecedented situation of moving a record carry-over of old wheat and the new crop at the same time.

There, briefly, is the story of how American railroads met the transportation demands of national defence and commerce during the past year.

There are three reasons why the railroads were able to do a better job with less equipment—better plant, better organization, and shipper-receiver co-operation. The past year has seen hundreds of examples of more efficient use of railroads by their patrons, and this has had the effect of adding materially to car supply.

PREPARATIONS FOR EMERGENCY

Railroads have done many things, especially during the past year, to keep themselves ready for an emergency. For instance, they have added new equipment, reconditioned other equipment, and substantially increased their personnel—all at tremendous expense.

Since the beginning of the national defences programme, railroads have spent an estimated sum of dollars 900,000,000 for additional equipment and other improvements.

Besides this, railroads have been carrying on a repair programme that has reduced the percentage of bad order freight cars to the lowest on record. As on November 1, 1941, this figure was only 4.1 per cent while it was 7.1 per cent on the corresponding date in 1930.

In order to handle greater load, the army of railroad employees was increased greatly during the year. What will happen in 1942 is anybody's guess. America is now at war, and railroads will probably be called upon to do an even greater job than they did in 1941. That they can be depended upon to contribute in full measure to the successful prosecution of the war is a certainty.

New Roads Linking India, Burma And China

LONDON, March 19.

Good progress is being made with building new roads linking India, Burma and China.

The Secretary of State Mr. Amery replying to a question in the Commons on Thursday said "it is not in public interest to disclose the details of the progress of the construction of roads in Assam and Burma for military use. I can, however, assure you that the military authorities assisted by numbers of civil departments are carrying out the work with great energy and making use of all available resources and mechanical road making machinery".

Mr. Amery repudiated a suggestion that there had been any delay in the execution of this work.—Reuter.

INTER-UNIVERSITY BOARD CHIEF

CALCUTTA, March 20.

Prof. A. B. A. Haleem, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Aligarh Muslim University, has been elected Chairman of the Inter-University Board of India for the year 1942-43. Mysore has been selected the venue for the next annual meeting of the Board.

The grant of concessions to students who having done war service resume their studies, is recommended by the Inter-University Board of India to the various Universities and Boards in the country.

Bombay Spring Meeting:

OUTSTANDING CHANCE FOR HOT BUN II IN CHANTILLY PLATE

Lupescu, The Day's Safe Bet

(From Our Correspondent)

Fields rule large for the meeting which comes up for decision at Mahalaxmi, to-day. The speedy Hot Bun II has an outstanding chance in the Chantilly Plate the day's chief event. Dominic and Usk are likely to put in resistance.

In the Mooltan Plate (Div. I) Lupescu is hard to beat.

I give the most number of marks to Desert Sunrise in the Stayer's Plate. The manner in which he was finishing on when last competing, indicates that defeat for him in this 1½ mile event is out of question.

The following are my selections:

1st Race:
GHUSSUN AL ILAH 1
WALAD SABHAN 2
WELLINGTON F.

2nd Race:
KANCHANMALA 1
BASTION 2
GOLD GAINER F.

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EOONIAN 1
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6th Race:
DESERT SUNRISE 1
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7th Race:
HOT BUN II 1
DOMINIC 2
USK F.

8th Race:
TAMIM AL KHAIR 1
USHAMA 2
PRINCE SURI F.

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Rs. 5,000 LOST IN "COWRIE" GAME

Retired Railway Employee Falls Victim To Tale Of "Easy Money"

A retired railway servant lost nearly five thousand rupees, part of his Provident Fund accumulated over 38 years' service, in one game of "cowries" (shells) arranged by cheats for the express purpose of depriving him of his money, in the Maharbouri area recently.

One of the cheats was slightly known to the victim as a "Bhagat" in the locality where he lives and he approached the victim with a story of "easy money" to be made by gambling in "cowries" with a man known as Pandu Seth who, said the Bhagat, was a simpleton from Janjira State with unlimited funds and a craze for gambling.

The Bhagat then set about teaching the victim the game by which it was proposed to "fleece" Pandu Seth and when its mysteries had been successfully mastered, the victim was introduced to Pandu Seth who displayed pretentious bundles of what looked like currency notes of high denomination and expressed his willingness to gamble for high stakes. A "rendezvous" was arranged and the victim, making use of his newly-acquired technique, contrived to win Rs. 100 in the first game of 'cowries.'

In the second game, however, things worked out very differently and Pandu Seth claimed to have won Rs. 5,000. When the victim protested and expressed his inability to understand the proceedings, Pandu Seth, the "Bhagat" and a servant adopted a threatening attitude which persuaded the victim to hand over the amount.

This method of cheating is fairly common and the Police advise members of the public not to be deluded by "easy money" stories of this type.

Immediate information should be given to the Police of any attempt to practise this ruse in future and also if anything is known of the three persons who are "wanted" by the Maharbouri Police in this case. The "wanted" persons are:—(1) Mahadeo Churi, ("Bhagat"), Hindu, 35, height 5'5", dark, wears coat, shirt, dhoti and black folding cap. (2) Pandu Seth, Hindu, 25, height 5'3", sallow complexion, wears European style dress and speaks English and (3) A Hindu servant, 45, thin build, height 5'5", wears long coat, shirt and dhoti.

WORLD OF SPORT: HOME AND ABROAD

M. G. Kamath Shines In Weight-Lifting Competition At Matunga

(By LOOKER-ON)

Weight-lifting in Bombay is now passing through a lean time. About a decade ago, it was almost a craze among the young men of this City. There was great keenness to build up a fine physique with its beautifully described muscles. As a result of their labours. We had some magnificent specimens in our midst. Unfortunately they did not receive sufficient encouragement from the public. In the absence of an organised association, competitions were few and far between. In consequence weight-lifting lost its glamour for our enthusiasts. It must be remembered that without competition, nothing can advance or progress. It is the very salt of progress. By practice one may attain a certain limit which may give him mental satisfaction. But for further progress, competition is absolutely necessary. In fact, the more the competition, the higher he rises. It is true in every branch of sport.

WANT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The enthusiasm which swept this part of the country a couple of decades ago, was not harnessed to constructive channels. Therefore, the number of its devotees gradually dwindled down and it is no wonder that weight-lifting has not made much of progress during recent years. It is really creditable on the part of the Matunga Athletic Club to try to foster and promote it by holding annual competitions under such depressing circumstances. Last Sunday they staged their fifth annual competition which was pronounced a great success. Here are the best results in each section:—

FLYWEIGHT:—J. B. Quadros (City Youth Athletic Club) body weight 112. Military Press 140. Snatch 130, Clean and Jerk 175. Total 445 pounds.

BANTAM WEIGHT:—T. M. Subramaniam (Matunga Athletic Club) body weight 118. Military Press 130, Snatch 125, Clean and Jerk 185. Total 440 pounds.

FEATHER WEIGHT:—C. V. Saraf (Sawe's Physical Culture Institute), body weight 132. Military Press 150, Snatch 130, Clean and Jerk 190. Total 470 pounds.

LIGHT WEIGHT:—M. B. Irani (Y. M. C. A. Nagpada) body weight 134. Military Press 160, Snatch 155, Clean and Jerk 210. Total 525 pounds.

MIDDLE WEIGHT:—M. G. Kamath (Young Men's Club) body weight 134. Military Press 160, Snatch 150, Clean and Jerk 200. Total 535 pounds.

FORM AN ASSOCIATION

A special prize for the best physique was awarded to M. G. Kamath. If we compare the above results with those recorded in the last Indian Olympic Games held at Lahore in February, we would see that Bombay would not have fared very badly if our lifters had a chance to compete there. It is a pity that nobody thought of sending a team. If it was announced early enough, it is very likely the above results would have been bettered with greater practice. And even our heavy weights and light heavy weights might have entered the field. It will serve no useful purpose to lay the blame on anybody. But I do think that efforts should be made to establish a weight-lifting association in our City at an early date, so that when the next Olympic Games come on, we may be able to challenge Bengal's supremacy in this field on level terms.

P. O. Cash Certificates Issued In Burma

NEW DELHI, March 20.

Arrangements have now been made with the Government of Burma to enable holders of Post Office Cash Certificates issued in Burma after its separation from India on April 1, 1937, to cash them at all Post Offices in India doing savings bank work on or after April 1, 1942.

Instructions are being issued to Post Offices to cash such certificates according to the existing rules and on certain conditions which may be ascertained from the local post master. Holders of Burma Post Office Cash Certificates who wish to cash them may now apply to the nearest Post Office doing savings bank work.

Certificates issued in Burma prior to its separation from India have always been cashable at any of the Post Offices in India and no special instructions are necessary in their case.—A.P.

By an order in Council H. E. M. Bonvin, Governor of French India has dissolved the existing Municipal Council of Chandernagore, (which had by resignations and death dwindled down from twelve to six members) and has replaced it by a Municipal Commission chosen by himself.

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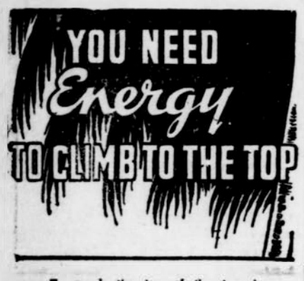

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Daladier Blames Military Leaders At Riom Trial

VICHY, March 20.

M. Daladier, former Prime Minister, blamed French military leaders' refusal to realise that dive-bombers were an 'immensely effective' weapon of war as partly the cause for the nation's defeat at the Riom trial on Thursday.

After questioning General Requin, who gave evidence M. Daladier recalled that dive-bombers were shown at the international air salon in Paris in 1938 "but on one believed in their immense effectiveness, and that is why the Superior War Council considered no measures to meet the danger" he said.

General Requin also contended that insufficient and inadequate aircraft played a large part in France's defeat. He said that one French Air General had commented, "Go and see crack crews flying 'saucepans'" as an illustration of the poor type of aircraft available.

Another witness, General Hering, a former member of the Superior War Council, declared that the failure to protect the French army from the air was the principal cause of the French reverses.

He also criticised multiplicity of commands. "We did not have a Generallissimo but Commanders of land air and sea forces from which resulted delays and lack of unity. This was at the root of our misfortunes."—Reuter.

Lutheran Misssionaries Helping Japs

MELBOURNE, March 20.

Residents of New Guinea say that Lutheran missionaries repeatedly have been aiding the Japanese and had aerodromes, planes, radios and fast boats between Salamaua and Madang.

One incident quoted was that a missionary, who was later interned, urged the Ramu Valley natives to ignore the Government as Hitler would control the territory before long.

German was taught in all the missions and the missionaries families returned for education to Germany.—Reuter.

BRITISH PRESS WARNS GOVT.

LONDON, March 20.

The Home Secretary Mr. Morrison's statement in the Commons on Thursday that he had warned the "Daily Mirror" that Government could suppress a newspaper which "systematically published matter calculated to foment opposition to the war effort", brings to-day a warning from the leader column and several London dailies.

"The Times" says, "The weapon which Mr. Morrison has produced from his armoury is one to be handled with the utmost care.

Anything tending to impede or impair free play of opinion may do a grave disservice to the interests of the State, above all in a time of war and recoil disastrously upon the administration which imposes it.

The Government may be offered an assurance that yesterday's reminder to one newspaper will in no way deter the rest from the discharge of their duty."

The "News Chronicle" declaring the Governments people are fighting the war adds, "The purpose of newspaper criticism is not defeatist but very opposite; not to dissuade the people from supporting the war effort but to galvanise both Government and the nation to fight harder and work harder.

A policy of suppression of opinion is much more likely to spread alarm and despondency and to divide the nation than is any article or line of policy in a particular newspaper".

The "Daily Herald" says: "It is a hundred times more sensible to permit a newspaper to write foolishly than take action which might undermine public faith in the press as an independent medium

It was amid the twilight of compulsory censorship that Petain and Laval contrived to do away with the legitimate Government in France".—Reuter.

Members of the newly elected Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, Mr. Jamnadas Dwarkadas, Chairman, being seated in the centre of the front row.

Jawahar Exposes Evacuation Scandal

Govt. Reply To Charge Of Racial Discrimination

WARDHA, March 18.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a statement on the difficulties of refugees from Malaya and Burma says; "during the past few weeks many of us have had occasion to meet a large number of refugees and evacuees from Malaya and Burma and strange and disturbing news has reached us. Suffering and dislocation are inevitable in the wake of war, and we have avoided giving currency to these stories. But there is one aspect of them which has hurt and angered and which is likely to have far-reaching consequences little dreamt of by those in authority to-day. This is the racial discrimination that has been and is so evident and the astounding difference in the treatment given to Europeans and Indians.

I am aware that this racial discrimination both in regard to evacuation and reception has been denied on behalf of the Government of India. But the statement and denials of the Government functioning in India have little value and few people give credence to them.

This Government has lost competence in everything and even the words used by their officials ring false. In this particular matter, it is amazing effrontery to say that there has been no racial discrimination when numerous instances of this are known to us and every day brings further stories of sorrow which authenticate the charge. We know what horror has pursued the refugees from Burma on the Akyab route to India as well as on the road via Manipur. We know what happened to Indians in Burma, Penang, and Singapore. We know what is happening to-day in various parts of India where these evacuees are being accommodated, how every effort is being made on behalf of the Government to find luxury quarters for Europeans and hardly anyone except some private agencies, care for Indian families who are adrift. Recently Mr. Rajabhali Jumabhoy, President of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Singapore made certain sensational disclosures about the Singapore evacuation.

I have not seen any attempt at an answer to these allegations which were based on personal firsthand experience. This whole question of racial discrimination in evacuation and in the subsequent treatment of evacuees is a public scandal of the first magnitude, and those responsible for it from the Indian Overseas Member down to the local officials, have to make answer for it. Certainly the Indian people are not going to tolerate it, war or no war, for this is a matter which affects their self-respect and honour".

OIL FOUNTAIN DISCOVERED IN RUSSIA

MOSCOW, March 20.

A powerful new fountain of high quality oil has been struck in one of the oilfields of Kirovneft states a message from Baku to the Tass Agency.

This is the first fountain struck on the recently prospected oilbearing area, which extends over a considerable territory and contains large reserves of oil.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL EXPLANATION

NEW DELHI, March 20.

"It is common knowledge that public opinion in India has been greatly stirred by the stories told by refugees from Burma and Malaya and that allegations of racial discrimination have aroused keen resentment, says a press note.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has drawn pointed attention to the latter aspect of this problem in a strongly-worded statement. No one has anything but sympathy for these unfortunate people: no one has anything but censure for discriminatory treatment among them. Pandit Nehru has, however, brought two charges against Government which are unfounded, and which it seems, he would not have made, had he seen the text of the statements made by the Secretary Indians Overseas Department, in the Assembly and the Council of State on March 17 and 18 respectively.

Government have never stated, as he alleges, that discrimination has not taken place. They are aware of many consistent versions of certain incidents which strongly suggest that discrimination did take place. In regard to these incidents Government have stated that they cannot condone discrimination in any form and that when opportunity occurs, a full enquiry should be held.

It is equally untrue that Government are making efforts to provide luxurious accommodation for European refugees. Arrangements for the reception of refugees are for the most part in the hands of non-official agencies who divide themselves, where necessary, into sub-committees for different communities. All Governments are determined to avoid racial discrimination: no Government will interfere with voluntary assistance given to any community.—A. P.

STRUGGLE ON BURMA-THAILAND FRONTIER

CHUNGKING, March 20.

Fighting between the Chinese and the Japanese has taken place at four points along the Burma-Thailand frontier, according to a Chinese spokesman here.

The Japanese made several attempts to cross the frontier and invade Burma, but the Chinese repulsed all attacks.

The fighting occurred northwest of Chengsen, west of Chienmai and north-west of Meihang, where the main Japanese forces are apparently concentrated with the intention of threatening the Allied flank east of Toungoo.

Turning to the fighting in China the spokesman said that in the Chekiang Province the Japanese were advancing on Neigai, south of Fenghua (the native village of Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek).

Their object is apparently to consolidate their hold on Siangshan Bay, which is only 600 miles from the Japanese coast.

It is believed that the Japanese are anxious to prevent its use by the Allies as a base for attack upon Japan.—Reuter.

King's Extra Equerry Found Dead

LONDON, March 20.

Sir Seymour Fortescue, Extra Equerry to the King, was found dead on railway near Victoria Station early to-day.

It is believed that Sir S. Fortescue, who was 86 thought the train was at platform. Sir S. Fortescue who was a former Sergeant-at-arms of the House of Lords had been Extra Equerry since 1910. He was one of a group of young naval officers, which King Edward VII gathered round him when Prince of Wales and was Extra Equerry to King George V throughout his reign. He served in the bombardment of Alexandria in 1882 and in eastern Soudan and was naval A. D. C. to Field Marshal Lord Roberts in South Africa.

Survivors Of Sunk Dutch Ship

CAPETOWN, March 20.

Survivors from a small Dutch ship from the United Kingdom recently sunk in the South Atlantic have landed here. The ship broke up and sank within half an hour of the explosion. No one was injured. The crew and passengers took to the boats. Three boat loads were picked up by an United States ship and one by a British ship.

No official explanation of the cause of the sinking is yet available. Most survivors thought the ship had struck a submerged object.—Reuter.

Permanent Black-Out v Production

U. S. Civilian Defence Chief's Plain-Speaking

NEW YORK, Mar. 20.

"The expense of permanent blackout installations and their effect in reducing production by 30 to 50 per cent would be more serious than possible losses through bombing", the chief of office of civilian defence, Mr. James Landis, declared on Thursday.

"As against these costs, some damage to property and some casualties among civilians are negligible. Were an alarm to be given with bombers 200 miles away we would permit the enemy to paralyse all production from Baltimore to Boston by placing a few planes over Long Island. We must be prepared as civilians to stand and take it."

Iraq Rebels Brought To Baghdad

BAGHDAD, March 20.

Some of the accomplices of Rashid Ali, the ring leader of the abortive revolt of May last year, have arrived here and now standing trial. They have been brought from Ahwaz in Persia, where they were interned after their arrest when the Allies entered Persia.—Reuter.

Nazis Buy D. E. Indies Stocks

LONDON, March 20.

Germans, particularly notorious Nazi speculttors, are buying up Dutch Stocks in Netherlands East Indies concerns so that they can get a finger in the pie, when Japan starts to exploit the Indies, states the "Vrij Nelderland" the Free Dutch newspaper published in London. They think they are on a "good thing". Japan must know since the occupation of the Netherlands that many Dutch securities have been confiscated by Germany and that, therefore, German stock-holders, claims must be honoured.

HUNGARY & RUMANIA

LONDON, March 19.

The speech by the Rumanian Foreign Secretary, protesting against "insults to the Rumanian army incompatible with the engagements of the Tripartite Pact" confirms the report from other sources that the relations between Rumania and Hungary are anything but friendly, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.—Reuter.

INDIAN MAIL DELIVERED IN U. K.

NEW DELHI, March 20.

Air Mails which left India after January 20, 1942, and upto January 24, 1942, and also those which left India after February 7, 1942 and upto February 13, 1942 have been delivered in the United Kingdom.

Seaborne Mails which left India after January 30, 1942 and upto February 1, 1942 have been delivered in the United Kingdom.—A. P.

CALCUTTA, March 20:—Thirteen Up and Down trains on the Bengal and Assam Railway will be cancelled from March 21 as an emergency measure until further notice, according to a Press note issued to-day.—A. P.

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